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Kinnock agenda for Budget reform

Labour plans to raise taxes on top earners

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

LABOUR yesterday unveiled detailed plans for a fundamental reform of the tax system, including an attack on allowances for top earners. A Labour government would also introduce a new Budget process involving annual talks on pay with union leaders and employers.

Neil Kinnock confirmed his party's plans for tax rates to start below 20 per cent, rising to a top rate of 50 per cent, or 59 per cent including national insurance contributions.

At the same time, he appeared to take Labour even further from its unilateralist past, denying that the party was committed to getting rid of all Britain's nuclear weapons while other countries possessed them. His remarks brought a challenge from Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, to state whether Labour was still seeking the elimination of all nuclear weapons, as its policy documents have stated.

Labour's 20,000-word preliminary election manifesto gives no more details than before on the precise tax bands between the lower and top rates and the number of people who will pay them, although Mr Kinnock asserted that for the "huge majority" there would be no tax increases. No individual earning less than £20,000 would be worse off.

However, a Labour chancellor would "scrutinise all tax reliefs" and ensure that relief on pension contributions, like those on mortgages, would be restricted to standard rate tax. Married couples would be permitted to split their £1,720 allowance between them. But a new limit on allowances, setting a "minimum tax" level for those on top incomes would prevent the rich from reducing their bills to below those of ordinary people.

The party would also introduce a new charge, equal to the 9 per cent employees' national insurance contribution, on unearned income. The first £3,000 — which would require savings of some £30,000 — would be exempt. The charge would be levied on top of tax, but pensioners would not have to pay it.

The document goes on to outline Labour's plans for a national economic assessment in which the government would sit down with "trade unions, employers and others". The assessment would be taken into account when the Budget was framed and when public spending decisions were made. Both processes would take place in the spring.

Mr Kinnock appeared to make a significant refinement of his party's nuclear defence policy at a London press conference when he said: "We have at no stage made a commitment to getting rid of all nuclear weapons for as long as others have them."

Mr Kinnock and the shadow foreign secretary, Gerald Kaufman, sought to preempt the Conservative charge that Labour's policy remained unilateralist because it would leave the country without nuclear weapons while potential aggressors retain them. As recently as last month, Tom King, the defence secretary, said Labour's defence changes had been cosmetic because they would mean that Britain would have no nuclear weapons while other countries, perhaps a "latter day Saddam Hussein", had them.

Mr Kaufman said that the Conservatives had developed a new line — that a Labour government as part of its commitment to negotiate over Trident was committed to getting rid of British nuclear weapons while others held them. "That is a total and deliberate lie," he said. There was no commitment for a Labour government to divest Britain of nuclear weapons while others retained them.

Labour broke with unilateralism in its 1989 policy document which committed the party to putting Britain's nuclear weapons into the Start 2 diarmament negotiations. But it made plain that the aim was to eliminate the nuclear capability.

Mr Patten said last night that the new document made plain that Labour's 1989 paper was still party policy. He challenged Mr Kinnock to say that he would keep nuclear weapons as long as other countries had them.

John Major said the Labour party was out of date. "They have found a nice glossy new paint, but that is all it is. When you strip away the gloss of their policies, they are, in essence, the same corporatist policies that were tried in the Fifties and Sixties and failed."

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Cabinet 'agrees on property tax'

By Robin Oakley, political editor

THE cabinet committee charged with finding a replacement for the poll tax yesterday agreed on the proposals to be outlined in a consultation document next week. Ministers agreed on "preferred options" for the balance between the people and property elements of the replacement local tax amid some refinement of previous plans.

In spite of continuing reservations among some Conservative right wingers about a property tax becoming a tax on Tory voters, the prime minister is understood to be confident of wholehearted acceptance by the full cabinet of a plan which effectively abolishes the poll tax principle of everyone contributing towards the cost of local services.

In an effort to counter Labour attempts to present the result of the review as "son of poll tax" ministers are believed to have agreed on a property tax based essentially on two-person households with a discount for single householders. Labour called for the government to announce its plans immediately after cabinet ratification tomorrow. Bryan Gould, Opposition spokesman, said that ministers would otherwise be running away from the issue.

● The Liberal Democrats yesterday produced their plan for a local income tax as an alternative to the community charge, saying that an average addition of 3.3 per cent to the standard rate would raise an equivalent amount to the poll tax.

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Fears of second Chernobyl explosion

Five years after the world's worst nuclear disaster the reactor shield is badly holed, Nick Nuttall reports

Almost five years after the Soviet nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, fears are emerging that a second accident could occur at any time. Soviet scientists have evidence that the sarcophagus of concrete and steel, thrown up around the reactor in three months after the explosion, may be crumbling.

In the pit beneath the sarcophagus are huge swaths of radioactive dust: plutonium, strontium, uranium and caesium. The dust is still and calm at the moment. But the exterior of the sarcophagus is riddled with an estimated 1,000 square metres of holes, so big that birds fly in and out.

Part of the sarcophagus is held up by lift shafts and the roof of the old reactor hall. If it fails, tons of metal and debris could go crashing into the pit, and the dust could escape. Such a discharge would be on a far smaller scale than the original explosion on April 26, 1986. But it could directly expose about a thousand workers at Chernobyl to potentially lethal doses of radiation and pollute the surrounding area.

The scientists who are monitoring the sarcophagus — and thereby exposing themselves daily to heavy doses of radiation — have dubbed the reactor vessel's 2,000-ton metal lid "Elena". It is perched precariously above the pit, held in place by a tangle of pipes and the thin side of the reactor chamber.

Yuri Petrovich Buzulukov, a scientist with the Chernobyl complex expedition of the Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy, Moscow, said yesterday in

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British troops may be sent to northern Iraq

By Robin Oakley, political editor, and Martin Fletcher in Washington

A RECONVENED war cabinet last night examined the prospect of sending British troops into Iraqi Kurdistan to protect aid workers and to defend the safe havens which John Major is seeking to establish for Kurdish refugees.

Just before the meeting began at 5.45pm, the prime minister, who is seeking to put flesh on his safe haven proposal, spoke on the phone to President Bush. He broke off during the cabinet meeting for a further conversation with Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general.

Both conversations centred on the practicalities of setting up the safe havens and how to defend them. With news last night from the White House that American troops were to be sent into Iraq to help with humanitarian efforts, British ministers, who took no decision last night, were clearly beginning to accept the likelihood of having to deploy British troops as well.

Mr Major also confirmed yesterday that legal experts are continuing to examine whether President Saddam Hussein could be charged with genocide. But Mr Major believes that little can be achieved at the UN on that score, and that it would anyway do nothing to contribute towards the objective of bringing the Kurds down from the freezing mountains.

Officially, the use of force has not been ruled out or ruled in. But in the Commons yesterday, Mr Major told MPs: "I have made it clear to our colleagues in the United Nations and elsewhere that if the relief effort is harassed or frustrated, in my judgment, under resolution 688 it is clearly the responsibility of the United Nations to protect both the helpers and the helped. If necessary the United Nations would have to act on that responsibility and seek whatever assistance, including military assistance, it may need from its members."

The White House announcement said that American troops were to be dispatched into northern Iraq to assist the massive relief effort for the displaced Kurds. But the troops would be there for strictly humanitarian reasons and would not become involved in Iraq's civil war, said Marlin Fitzwater, President Bush's press secretary.

The British ministers accept that getting the Kurds into camps in safe havens within Iraq has to take into account their protection, which issue is likely to require denying Baghdad access to part of its own territory. One suggestion is to place a barrier of UN civilians, daring Saddam to bring the wrath of the world community and provoke retaliation if he attacks them. But officials concede that a military presence may be required at some stage, although they emphasise that it would be a defensive "buffer" rather than reprisal attacks.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, supported by Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, yesterday urged reference of genocide of the Kurds to the United Nations Security Council as a "matter or urgency". Mr Kinnock said that the Iraqi leader had a case to answer under Articles 2 and 3 of the Genocide Convention of 1948. Mr Major confirmed that that he had taken legal advice on the matter.

When Mr Ashdown said that UN resolution 688 provided for the use of air power to protect the Kurds, Mr Major said that the only comprehensive plan was the one he had proposed for safe havens.

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60-mile tailbacks as refugees flock to Iran

From Edward Gorman on the Iran/Iraq border

WITH what is seen here as an extremely modest Western relief effort for up to 1.5 million Kurdish refugees in Iran slowly getting off the ground, aid officials say hundreds of people are still dying and the worst is not over.

The picture on the border remains chaotic and difficult to assess, with probably hundreds of thousands of refugees still stranded without shelter or still trying to get into Iran at clogged border crossings.

There is increasing criticism of the Iranian authorities, who appear to be slowing down the influx with laborious checks, particularly on refugees in cars. Tailbacks sometimes stretch more than 60 miles.

Jean Claude Fages, director of a 30-strong French medical team based at the Piranshahr crossing, estimated there could be as many as 200,000 people still waiting to get through there. He said delays at the border were having a disastrous knock-on effect,

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Sir David Lean dies aged 83

By Simon Tait
Arts correspondent

SIR David Lean, the master entertainer who perfected the cinema epic, died in London yesterday. He was 83.

Sir Richard Attenborough, who was directed by Lean in his first film, led the tributes last night. He was "one of the gods", he said. David Puttnam, the producer, called him the "quintessential post-war British film maker. Films such as *Lawrence of Arabia* are those which my generation of film makers continually aspire to make."

Lean, maker of *Brief Encounter* and such as blockbusters as *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *Dr Zhivago* and *A Passage to India*, had had a pet project: the screen version of Joseph Conrad's *Nostromo*. He was working on it in France when he was taken ill in January and flown to London for treatment. He never recovered. He leaves his widow Sandra.

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Souness makes the family his new goal

By Kerry Gill

Danielle Souness: did not want to live in Scotland

LIFE and death? Football, Bill Shankly said, was more important than that. But Graeme Souness, Liverpool's newly appointed manager, is a man of his time. He is moving from Glasgow Rangers, he said yesterday, to be closer to those he loved: "My family comes first."

In a terse statement, Souness said he was also leaving Ibrox stadium because he had gone as far as he would be allowed in achieving success for Rangers. His arrival in Scotland five years ago had contributed to family problems that culminated in the separation from his wife Danielle two years later.

It was well-known that Mrs Souness, heiress to a Liverpool millionaire, had no wish to live in Scotland and was tired of her husband's obsession with football. Souness was always a devoted father and, as his family spent much of their time in Majorca, he travelled back and forth to see his two sons and daughter during the football season.

His decision to leave Ibrox will take immediate effect and last night thousands of Rangers's supporters were counting the possible cost. With the Premier league match against Aberdeen less than a month away, there were few people who were prepared to wish Souness well.

Most supporters were bitter that he had announced his decision to quit the club at a time when it could cost the club the Premier title. One youth said: "The 'Gers are just two points in front of Aberdeen, if chucking it now isn't bad timing what is? Good riddance."

Almost as the news of Souness's imminent departure for Liverpool was announced in Glasgow, supporters set off by car, bus and foot for their beloved stadium. Many blamed the Scottish Football Association, with whom Souness often found himself at loggerheads, for hounding the man who has revolutionised Scottish football in the past five years out of the country. Others blamed his move on greed and ambition.

Not since Souness signed Maurice Johnston, a Catholic, for Rangers have the club's supporters awoken to such news. The first radio reports of the breaking of the club's sectarian policy were breathless, the tabloids ransacked the lexicon of soccer excess, and one newspaper called it a "world exclusive". The perceived marital troubles of the Prince and Princess of Wales were quickly relegated to second place. In Glasgow, as in Liverpool, football is truly more important than life and death.

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Archbishop answers critics and defends the broad church

Dr Carey: hurt by some of the recent criticism

In an interview at Lambeth Palace, Dr George Carey makes clear to Ruth Gledhill his position on the controversial issues which have dogged the early weeks of his primacy.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday answered critics of his views on women's ordination and of his evangelicalism. Dr George Carey emerged as a man who is aiming for diversity and unity in the Church of England. He appeared shocked by some of the accusations of recent weeks and was amazed by fears that his primacy would herald great change in the church. Some of the criticism has hurt him and his family.

Dr Carey, who is 55, said he wished to explore the possibility of alternative episcopal jurisdiction for clergy who could not accept women's ordination and clarified his statement in a recent interview that it was "a most serious heresy" to oppose the ordination of women, a declaration he later amended to "theological error".

He said: "My views on the ordination of women were known before I became archbishop. Even if someone had been appointed archbishop who was against the ordination of women, he would still alienate 60-70 per cent of the church. If you want a wishy-washy archbishop who's going to be just a flag blowing in the wind, then it's not me and it's not any other bishop I know."

He said the word heresy could be used in two ways: "The word actually means deviation in the weaker sense. In the stronger sense it is something credal, a person who's stepped over a line. I meant it in the weaker form of the word."

He said that to stress the maleness of Christ as important for Christian ministry had serious consequences for salvation. "We must be very careful that we do not de-church all the women in our pews who will feel that Christ died for them and that his humanity is inclusive." Single-issue problems should not dominate the agenda: "I am much more concerned with promoting a vigorous Christianity in our land, and to ensure that Christianity is a vital ingredient in the culture and traditions of our country."

He urged opponents of women's ordination to stay within the church if the measure is passed when it comes before the general synod next year. "The idea of alternative jurisdiction is a very interesting option. I would certainly like to explore it." He wished to devise space for the people who could not accept the headship of a woman. He responded to allegations that his enthronement service in Canterbury on Friday would involve radical departures from tradition. The "happy clappy" image was a distortion, he said. "We are going to have a very traditional enthronement service. I hear one organist thought it [the music] would be associated with drugs and unbridled sex. He obviously doesn't know much about drugs or unbridled sex." Dr Carey's enthronement address is likely to stress the importance of diversity and affirming different traditions.

He said he would not describe himself as an evangelical. "I am not a happy clappy person. I believe in the richness of the Christian tradition. I am not a fundamentalist."

Hussey to continue as BBC chairman

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major, the prime minister, expressed a strong vote of confidence in the BBC management yesterday, announcing the reappointment of Marmaduke Hussey as chairman of the BBC board of governors for another five years. It is the first time in the corporation's history that a chairman has been appointed to a second consecutive full term.

A BBC spokesman said there was some "surprise" at the length of his second term, but added that it was sensible to maintain stability in the lead-up to the renewal of the royal charter in 1996. Lord Joel Barnett, the BBC vice-chairman and former Labour minister, has also been reappointed, for two years.

Mr Hussey, whose appointment by Margaret Thatcher at the height of right-wing attacks against the Corporation in November 1986 prompted an outcry from Labour, will now steer the BBC through a lively debate about how it can be made more efficient while preserving and strengthening its role as a high-quality public-service broadcaster.

The decision by the Privy Council, which makes the appointment on the advice of the prime minister, is sure to disappoint Dr David Owen, the former SDP leader who had been lobbying senior Tories, including the home secretary, Kenneth Baker, to choose him for the position.

● IPC Magazines yesterday urged Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, to stop the BBC from using its television airtime to advertise its own publications.

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Major rejects TV claim that he infringed electoral rules

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister yesterday rejected allegations that he infringed electoral rules in the election that launched his political career.

Sources close to John Major dismissed the BBC TV *Panorama* programme that investigated his background and rise to the top as "trivia" in which a number of minor points were not absolutely correct.

As ministerial colleagues rallied round, Norman Tebbit claimed that a small group of Tories wanted the government to lose the next general election and regroup around policies of "greater strength and attraction as they did after the defeat of the disastrous Heath government in 1974".

Writing in last night's *Evening Standard*, Mr Tebbit, a close ally of Margaret Thatcher, claimed that the government's biggest problem was the tiny but pessimistic group who saw victory at the next election as a poisoned chalice for either the Conservatives or Labour.

Senior Tory MPs urged colleagues to stop discussing Mr Major's performance publicly. Sir Robert McCrindle, Tory MP for Brentwood and Ongar, said it was time for a "self-denying ordinance" on the question of the leadership. "The more we have people saying that we should stop all this sniping, the more attractive it will become for people to go on doing it".

In the Commons, Mr Major dismissed *Panorama's* claim that he was technically not eligible to stand for the Ferndale ward in Lambeth in 1968 because he was living in Westminster. It claimed that the woman who occupied the house where Mr Major was then listed on the electoral register was adamant that he did not live there.

During prime minister's questions, Mr Major said: "The qualification for standing for Lambeth council was to be resident within the area and *Panorama* were told on more than one occasion by the lady whose address they gave, that I was in fact living in the area, directly opposite her at the time, and that fully meets the qualification." He added: "I cannot explain why *Panorama* chose not to broadcast that fact."

Later Mr Major gave Radio 1 listeners a vision of the type of society he wishes to see in Britain, an idea of his musical tastes and the drawbacks to his job.

Mr Major said: "When I have talked of a classless society or opportunity society, I mean it just does not matter whether you come from a tiny scruffy back-to-back in a pretty poor housing area or whether you come from one of the best mansions in one of the best parts of the United Kingdom. We should have a society that opens up the same opportunities that you can achieve for yourself whatever your own particular abilities, aptitudes, hard work and talents enable you to achieve."

The prime minister requested a record called "Little Joe the Wrangler" by one of his favourites, Marty Robbins, a 1950s American country and western singer. The prime minister said he enjoyed musicals, in particular West End shows such as *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Miss Saigon*.

Regretting that he could not play a musical instrument, Mr Major said he found music a source of relaxation. Although his wife is a keen fan of opera, Mr Major said he was fond of light music.

One of the disadvantages of being prime minister was the loss of privacy. "I'm a great window shopper, I love browsing in old bookshops, or even large stores with modern books. I like going in record stores, I like going out to do my own shopping, but I can't do those sort of things now because it is a distraction for everybody else. I do miss that."

The prime minister listed his political heroes: Gladstone, "a giant"; Lloyd George, "a genius"; Churchill and Iain Macleod.

Mr Major said that when historians looked back on the 1980s, Margaret Thatcher would rank very high. He said "the glory in her crown" would be the way she had transformed how people felt about Britain and its place in the world.

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Saunders 'suffers from depression'

By PAUL WILKINSON

FORMER Guinness chairman Ernest Saunders is suffering from a depressive illness, his counsel told the Court of Appeal yesterday. It could affect the five-year jail sentence imposed for his role in the Guinness Affair, his barrister, Antony Shaw said.

Saunders had been examined at Ford open prison by doctors, including a neurologist appointed by the Crown, and was found to have a condition similar to the anxiety and stress-related symptoms he suffered during his original trial.

Saunders, Gerald Ronson, the head of the Heron International Group and the stockbroker, Anthony Parnes, are all appealing against their convictions and sentences imposed at Southwark crown court last August for their part in an illegal share-support operation during Guinness's £2.7 billion takeover battle for control of the drinks group Distillers.

Saunders was found guilty of conspiracy, false accounting and theft, and Parnes received 30 months for false accounting and theft. Ronson, jailed for 12 months for conspiracy, false accounting and theft, was freed in February. The three men claim that the trial judge, Mr Justice Henry, misdirected the jury during his summing up. The hearing continues today.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Good start: Bill Wyman, the Rolling Stone, with Craig Shergold, an cancer patient aged 11, who received 33 million get well cards. Wyman gave him £10,000 at the start of a cards roadshow raising money for the Royal Marsden hospital

Liverpool strike hits services

By RONALD FAUX

COUNCIL services in Liverpool came to a halt yesterday as 25,000 local authority workers began a three-day strike in protest at compulsory job losses. The council wants to make 1,000 of its 29,000 workforce redundant to produce a balanced budget.

Vital services were disrupted and only home helps and staff at old people's homes were exempted from the action. Children's homes were among the worst hit and an appeal was made for child care workers to look after unattended children.

The unions plan that selective groups will stay out on strike from Friday onwards to cause the maximum disruption to services in the hope that the council will change its policy of imposing redundancies.

Bi-lingual train drivers sought for Paris run

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail is preparing to recruit its first batch of bi-lingual train drivers for international high speed rail services through the Channel tunnel to Paris and Brussels.

The drivers, who will receive the highest train driver salaries offered by British Rail, must be fluent in English and French, and pass stringent aptitude tests before being trained to drive the new fleet of transmanche supertrains.

The bi-lingual recruitment programme was unveiled as British Rail outlined details of the £1.4 billion being spent to upgrade existing lines in Kent so that international services can begin when the tunnel opens in 1993. As British Rail is simply increasing the frequency of trains on existing tracks, no money is being spent on residential noise protection. The introduction of £30 million of continuous welded track along most of the route will, however, mean the end of the traditional clickety-clack of passing trains. The upgrading work entails the virtual re-building of the old London, Chatham and Dover line, and the South Eastern Railway, which were built inexpensively in the middle of the last century to meet a growing demand for cross-Channel services.

Although the new generation of high speed trains will travel at 186 mph in France, they will be restricted to 100 mph between Folkestone and Bromley, and 60 mph between Bromley and London because of existing speed limits, which will remain in force. Almost 100 bridges are being rebuilt to provide clearance for passing trains at a cost of £30 million, while another £85 million is being spent on re-signalling and junction improvements. The work is being done at weekends to keep disruption of domestic services to a minimum.

When complete, the 80-minute journey from London to Folkestone will be reduced to 70 minutes. If the proposed Channel tunnel high-speed rail link is completed in 1998, the time will fall to 40 minutes, making journey times between London and Paris two and a half hours, and between London and Brussels two hours 10 minutes.

British Rail is expected to decide on the route for the rail link by the end of the month. The decision will be submitted to Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, with a request to make the route public before parliament's summer recess.

Unions continue to lose members

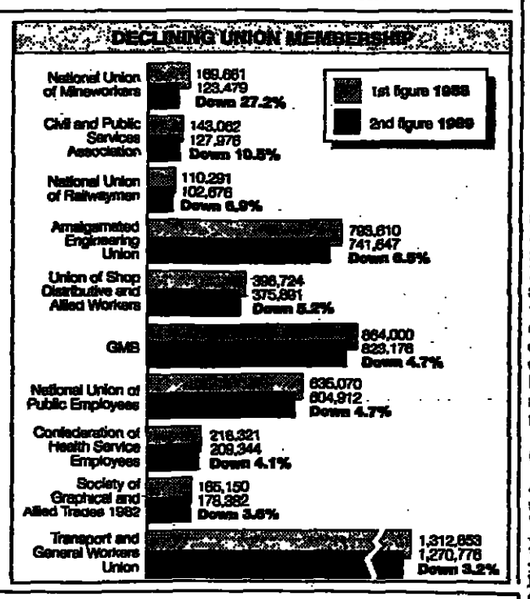
By LOUISE HIDALGO

TRADE union membership is continuing to fall, according to independent figures for 1989 published yesterday by the Certification Officer for Trade Unions and Employers' Association.

The 1990 annual report shows a decline in membership of almost 344,000 for 1989, a drop of more than 3 per cent over the previous year. The biggest fall, reflecting the downturn in manufacturing industry, affected the Amalgamated Engineering union which lost 52,000 members bringing its membership to 742,000.

Several unions increased membership. The Union of Construction Allied Trades and Technicians rose 3 per cent to 257,342 while the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, and the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association also gained members.

The certification officer, who is responsible for supervising unions' political funds, membership figures and accounts, also reported that the gross income of trade unions rose from £522.6 million in 1988 to £539.4 million in 1989. Income from members increased from £429 million to £442 million, reflecting higher subscription rates.



Naafi profits dry up as Desert Rats fight war

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Naafi is heading for its first trading loss since it was founded 70 years ago, largely due to the alcohol ban among the Desert Rats during the Gulf war and the decision by the wives of servicemen, fighting the Iraqis, to buy not a single television set, washing machine or tumble drier during the conflict.

The dispatch of 40,000 men and women with the 1st Armoured Division removed 66 per cent of Naafi's customers from Germany "at a stroke", and while profits of £300,000 were made in the Gulf from the huge sale of soft drinks and cigarettes, £6 million was lost in Germany during the same period.

Yesterday James Rucker, managing director of Naafi, said that the home leisure side of the business collapsed. Wives without their husbands did not buy anything new for the house. They also seemed to live more frugally. "Instead of buying steaks, the families made do with baked beans and other less exotic foods," he said.

The result is that when the Naafi's books are completed at the end of this month, there is expected to be a trading loss of about £500,000.

Sixty-one Naafi volunteers, in the uniform of the Expeditionary Force Institutes (EFI), went to the Gulf to supply the troops with everything from toothpaste and suntan oil to Christmas puddings. Naafis abroad tend to boost their profits with the sale of alcohol. But this was banned in both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, the services' own trading organisation which runs welfare clubs as well as shops around the world, is now having to shed 150 jobs to meet the financial difficulties. The unions involved are angry because the management has also announced that their pay rise is to be limited to 3 per cent this year, although Mr Rucker hopes to be able to offer extra money in October if finances have improved with the return of the Desert Rats to Germany.

He said: "We certainly cannot go to the defence ministry and ask for money. Naafi is not about to close down. We will just have to change our style."

Mr Rucker plans to meet the unprecedented financial challenge by changing the Naafi's traditional image, although only in Britain. Instead of having Naafi shops offering everything to the services, he intends to introduce "convenience shops" which, like the ordinary corner shop, will focus on day-to-day requirements such as bread and cigarettes. He is also negotiating with the defence ministry to let ex-servicemen buy at Naafi shops.

Lamont's lawyers tour flat

Lawyers representing Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, yesterday toured the small basement flat at his London home which a newspaper has alleged is being used for sex sessions. They spent 20 minutes at the £500,000 Georgian house in Kensington Park Road, Notting Hill, before leaving without making any comment. They are understood to be checking the terms of the lease to try to get the tenant to leave.

Shortly before their visit, Sara Dale, a therapist, who is renting the house from Mr Lamont and his wife Rosemary, allowed members of the press a brief tour of the flat where the sessions are alleged to have taken place.

Ms Dale, aged 40, who shares the house with her boy friend David Missen, aged 50, describes herself as a "whole person's healing therapist". She denies *News of the World* allegations that she uses the basement room for £90-an-hour sex-therapy sessions and is refusing to move out.

Appeal fails

The Court of Appeal ruled yesterday that Kathryn George-Harries, a trainee solicitor aged 28 who was jailed for six months for wrecking the home of her 75-year-old lover, must stay in prison. George-Harries, of Llangoedmor, Dyfedi had caused £18,000 of damage after discovering her lover with a rival. The court refused to alter the sentence because of the seriousness of the offence.

Child stabbed

An girl aged 11 was stabbed to death yesterday afternoon at the Frenchgate shopping centre in Doncaster, South Yorkshire. She was taken to Doncaster Royal Infirmary suffering from stab wounds to her chest. An emergency operation was carried out but she died later. A woman aged 24 has been arrested in connection with the incident.

Condom review

The Irish cabinet agreed yesterday to make condoms more widely available and to lower the minimum legal age for buying them from 18 to 17. Rory O'Hanlon, the health minister, also proposed wider distribution through chemists, health centres and hospitals. Legislation to lower the legal age and approving the wider distribution of condoms will be put to parliament within the next week.

Protest grows

More parents kept their children away from Greenside infants' school at Almondbury, Huddersfield, yesterday in protest at the attendance of Daniel Robinson, aged seven, a carrier of the hepatitis B virus. Jenifer Devlin, chief education officer of Kirklees council, said she was concerned that parents were keeping children away when reassurances had been given that children were not at risk.

Cleared of rape

A husband who allegedly had sex with his estranged wife "for old times' sake" was yesterday cleared of rape. Judge Hopkin directed the jury at Nottingham crown court to find him not guilty, saying it would be dangerous to convict without independent evidence. The man, from Beeston, Nottingham, denied rape but admitted assaulting his wife, causing actual bodily harm, and was fined £100.

CORRECTION

The dates of the Brighton International Festival were given incorrectly in last Saturday's Review. The festival runs from May 3 to May 26. Telephone 0273 674692 Fax 0273 696067

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Remove children only as last resort, Mackay tells courts

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

COURTS and social workers were warned by the Lord Chancellor yesterday that children should be taken into care under the new emergency protection orders only as a last resort.

In a reference to the Orkneys cases, Lord Mackay of Clashfern told a conference in London that the interim period before a final order was made had been found to be damaging to the children. He said an order to place a child in care could be granted only if the child "is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm because of a lack of reasonable parental care or because he is beyond parental control. The harm which the child suffers must be significant.

"Minor shortcomings affecting health or development should not give rise to compulsory interventions unless they become significant by their sheer number."

Lord Mackay, addressing a conference of child-care and social workers and probation officers organised by the Children Act in London Implementation Group, said that there needed to be partnership between parents and local authorities and between the various agencies in health, housing and education and the social services. The local authority, when applying for a care or supervision order, would have to submit a plan which the court considered coherent.

Lord Mackay emphasised the importance under the Children Act 1989 of the social workers who represented the interests of the child. As guardians, they must advise the court on the child's level of understanding and wishes and on the options available to the court. Some guardian panels were well placed to meet the increased demands imposed on them by the act, but for others radical change would be needed if they were to discharge their responsibilities satisfactorily, he said.

● The new "youth courts" proposed in the criminal justice bill are a retrograde step and will mean courts dealing with children's crime are split off from those dealing with their welfare, the Family Courts Consortium says.

In a briefing paper to the peers who are examining the bill, the group says that many young people who commit offences would be better dealt with by the new family-proceedings courts being set up under the Children Act. It is proposing an amendment which would enable the transfer of cases from the proposed youth courts, which will replace the present juvenile courts.

● The parents of nine Orkney children released after five weeks in care said yesterday they were not surprised that an appeal had been lodged against a sheriff's judgment that procedures by the local children's panel had been fundamentally flawed (Kerry Gill writes).

In the appeal, lawyers for Gordon Sloan, interim reporter to the panel, are calling for a stated case, which means that Sheriff David Kelbie has to produce his reasons in writing within 14 days.

A mother of two of the children said that the parents had expected an appeal. "Gordon Sloan had to, to save his face, but obviously we don't think the children will be taken away again. We are to see our counsel and we have total faith in them."

The Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children welcomed the appeal and said that it would enable the full evidence to be heard. Some of the society's staff were criticised for their questioning of the children.

Child is key to foster decisions

FOSTERING decisions must be made exclusively in the interests of the child, according to new government guidelines. The guidance, which will be sent to local authorities, says that it would be wrong arbitrarily to exclude any particular groups from consideration.

The latest guidance revises draft guidelines published for consultation last year which said that equal rights and gay rights had no place in fostering. However, the new rules add: "The chosen way of life of some adults may mean that they would not be able to provide a suitable environment for the care and nurture of a child."

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said: "Never should consideration about the best available option for a child be secondary to ideological preoccupations. No-one has a right to be a foster parent." Mrs Bottomley said that in many cases placement with a family of similar ethnic origin and religion was "most likely" to meet a child's needs as fully as possible and safeguard its welfare. She added, however, that in some circumstances placement with a family of different ethnic origin might be the best choice for a particular child.

The advice comes after a Court of Appeal case in which James and Lynne Melling, white foster parents, failed to win back the black child they had brought up since he was 24 days old. The couple, from Blackpool, had remortgaged their home and spent £8,000 in a legal battle to prevent the child, now aged two, being taken from them.

OutRage, a homosexual activist group, said that the government was leaving open a very wide, subjective door which could be used against lesbian and homosexual couples who wanted to adopt children. "Anyone who wants to stop them can use this open door to vent their own prejudices."

Museum may end historic City digs

By Simon Tait
Arts Correspondent

THE Museum of London's archaeological service, which found the Rose Theatre, the Huggin Hill Roman baths, the Guildhall amphitheatre and the Saxon city of Lundenwic in a five-year period of unprecedented discovery, may be scrapped by the museum's board tomorrow.

Max Hebditch, the museum's director, who set up the biggest archaeological operation in the country, is understood to be recommending the end of the museum's commitment to rescue-archaeology because of the recession, which has hit building development, a major source of sponsorship, and the museum's own financial difficulties. He is also recommending admission charges.

Instead of the museum's present archaeology service, there would be a small commercial unit to complete research and publication of past excavations and sell expertise and advice. It would carry out excavations if they fitted in with museum research policy and were externally funded.

Originally, it is understood, the plan was to scrap all archaeology immediately but this is believed to have been set aside because of legal obligations and the cost of redundancies. Last November more than 150 archaeologists were made redundant and the service now has about 180.

An all-party group of London MPs has written to the museum's board asking for both items to be removed from the meeting's agenda to allow full consultation, and museum staff want to present a paper making the same appeal. In a letter to today's *Times* a group of archaeologists ask for a decision on the archaeological service to be put off for consultations.

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Dennis Lennon, the architect, who died yesterday aged 72, with the model of his Criterion development in Piccadilly. He was best known for his work on the Festival of Britain in 1951 and private and commercial development in London. Born in Chile, he was educated at Merchant Taylors School and the Bartlett School of Architecture. He began in private practice in 1950 and in 1963 he established his own partnership, Dennis Lennon and Partners, in central London. His commissions included 25 Jaeger shops; the Harrow school dining room and the Albany hotels in Birmingham and Glasgow.

MICHAEL POWELL

Open-air prayer: women Muslims sit behind a screen on Tooting Bec common, south London, yesterday while 5,000 men pray on the other side. The Muslims, from Balham mosque, were marking the end of the month-long festival of Ramadan when a fast is observed during daylight hours

Home alterations might lower value of property

By John Young

THOUSANDS of home owners are being persuaded by intensive advertising and salesmanship to make unsuitable alterations to their properties which not only deface them but may lower their market value.

John Fidler, head of architectural and survey services for English Heritage, said that last year owner occupiers spent £13,000 million on "home improvements". Half the nation had carried out work on their homes in the past ten years, and 15 per cent intended to do so in the next year, he told an English Heritage conference in London.

A recent survey had shown that a quarter of those undertaking or commissioning "modernisations" said they would include the installation of double glazing as the number three priority after kitchen and bathroom alterations. Last year half a million doors were replaced. "This is great news for the replacement windows and doors industry, for double glazing companies and for DIY outlets, but a cause of concern for those of us in conservation," Mr Fidler said.

Sales of replacement windows and doors were worth more than £2,000 million a year. In the past six years the number of suppliers had risen from 4,677 to 6,350. Several companies had reported doubling of sales every year since the early 1980s.

The conference marks the start of a campaign to protect Britain's heritage of traditional doors and windows and to prevent conservation areas from being disfigured. Without independent professional advice owners were responding to marketing pressures, Mr Fidler said. The judgments they applied in making decisions were based on their understandably limited layman's knowledge and experience, and on what manufacturers and salesmen chose to tell them.

More than half the respondents to a questionnaire believed that their existing windows and doors were old and rotten. However, evidence of ageing, patination and surface deterioration did not necessarily imply irreparable decay, or warrant wholesale rejection and replacement.

Martin Bradshaw, director of the Civic Trust and vice-president of the Royal Town Planning Institute, said that doors and windows which might be perfectly suitable for a 1990s Barratt house were likely to be totally inappropriate for an 18th or 19th century building. Changes were often made as an expression of individuality and with the best of intentions, but often the result was to lower rather than raise the value of the property. Stained glass panels were discarded, leaded lights replaced with strips of glazing set in aluminium or plastic frames, and slates replaced by cement tiles.

Barry Joyce, of Derbyshire county council planning department, said that at least a quarter of the historic buildings in the county had been seriously damaged by unsympathetic alterations. It was time to revise planning laws.

Butterflies return to secret habitat

By Bill Frost

LEPIDOPTERISTS rejoiced yesterday at the news that a project to reintroduce one of England's most spectacular butterflies to its natural habitat had met with extraordinary success. After almost 11 years of near extinction, the Large Blue is back in the southwest at a secret location somewhere in Devon.

Maculinea arion, as the butterfly is more formally described, all but disappeared from fields and hedgerows between Land's End and Gloucester when farmers stopped grazing their livestock on scrub-land. To survive, the Large Blue depended on a delicate balance of conditions including short turf, the presence of wild thyme and the *Myrmica sabuleti*, a type of ant.

In 1983 the Nature Conservancy Council, now English Nature, established a breeding ground after importing 100 Large Blue eggs and ten female butterflies from Sweden. Yesterday Dr Flemming Ulf-Hansen, assistant regional officer for English Nature, said the operation had borne fruit. "We will have about 40 adults by July. They could lay as many as 2,000 eggs. The Large Blue has returned to its natural habitat, the scrub-land of the West Country."

Dr Ulf-Hansen said that the butterfly laid its eggs on wild thyme plants, on which the larvae fed after hatching. The larvae drop to the ground and exude a secretion that makes them attractive to the rare ant, which only lives on grassy slopes with short turf and some scrub.

The ants pick up the larvae and carry them to the nest where they feed on eggs for ten months until the pupae form. Then the Large Blues hatch. The butterflies have a silvery blue colouring with black and white "coachstripes" at their wing tips.

Minister for capital proposed

By Charles Knevitt

THE CHAIRMAN of the Arts Council last night called for the creation of a minister for London with his own department. There was a "crying need for some unified authority in the capital with power to act," Lord Palumbo of Walbrook said.

He also called for an audit of the "cultural fabric" of the nation, leading to an investment of £100 million a year in building conservation by the public and private sectors.

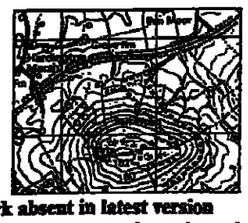
Lord Palumbo confirmed that he intends to demolish the listed buildings which he owns next to Mansion House in the City of London, to make way for the recently approved design by James Stirling, described by the Prince of Wales as a "wireless set". In a lecture on conservation at the Royal Fine Art Commission's headquarters in London, Lord Palumbo said the buildings on the site, including the Mappin and Webb building, were "brain-dead" and not worth preserving.

Forest access 'deleted from maps'

By Paul Wilkinson

Public access to Britain's woodlands is being eroded, the Ramblers Association alleged yesterday. The Forestry Commission had sold hundreds of acres to private buyers who exclude walkers and details of commission land open to the public was being deleted from Ordnance Survey maps, the association said.

Within five years, no popular walking map would indicate land controlled by the commission, Alan Mattingly, the association's director, said. He accused the commission of making a "secret" deal with the Ordnance Survey two years ago to remove all reference to its ownership.



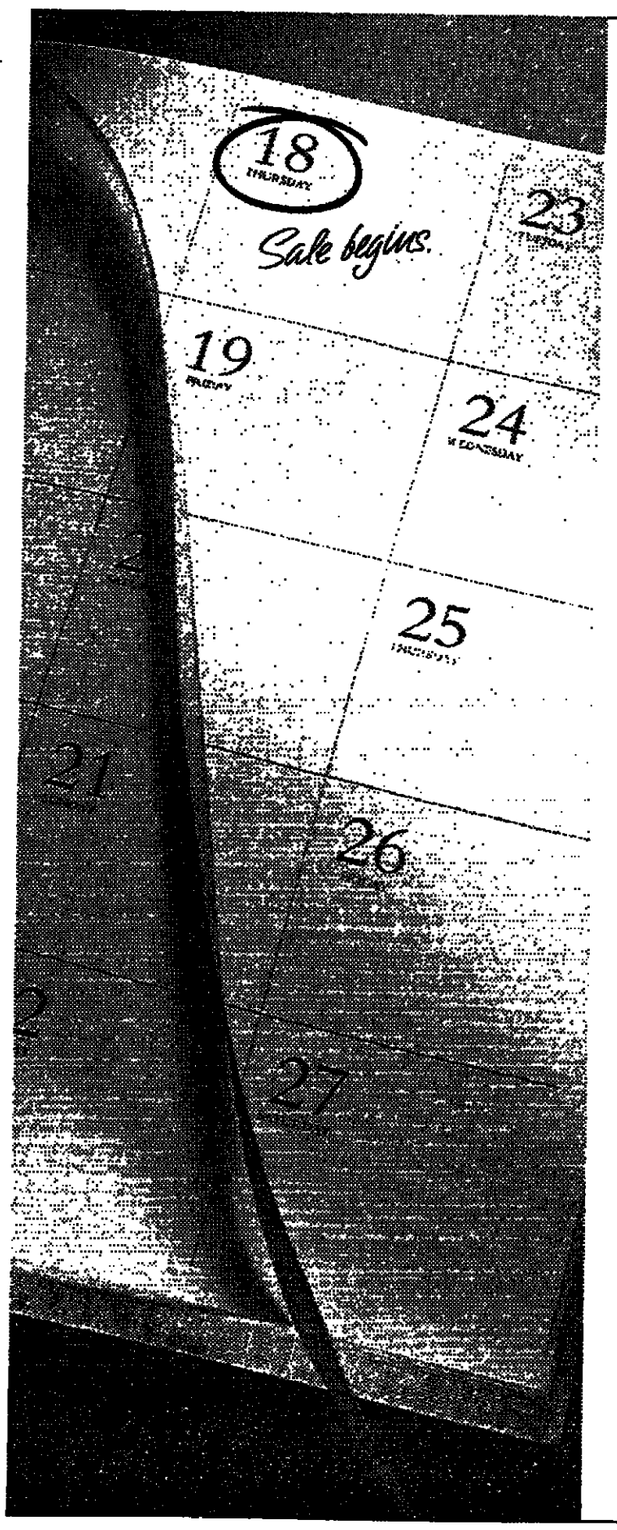
Pen Wood maps: car park absent in latest version

"This was because the commission was selling many areas of its land under orders from ministers, this rendering some information on OS maps out of date," he said. "According to the OS, this led to disputes between landowners and members of the public over access. This deal has only just come to light."

On the Landranger 1:50,000 map series, the red line bordering commission land was being removed and, on the larger scale 1:25,000 series, green shading around the borders and the words Forestry Commission no longer appeared.

In the Commons yesterday, Martin Redmond, Labour MP for Don Valley, tabled a bill seeking to protect public access after the commission sells off its land. He said that since the government came to power, 140,000 hectares had been sold and another 100,000 hectares were to be disposed off by the end of this decade.

He cited the case of Pen Wood in Somerset, which has changed hands several times since it was sold by the commission in 1984 to an insurance company. All public facilities were closed off, he said.



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Primary schools are failing pupils say inspectors

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

A FIFTH of primary schools fail to reach satisfactory educational standards because they are more concerned about looking after pupils than with lessons, the school inspectors said yesterday. In a critical report on Culloden primary school, in east London, the inspectors said their findings showed that many schools were failing their pupils.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, had asked for the report on Culloden, which was featured in a BBC television series. He was concerned about the methods used to teach reading in a school where most pupils belonged to families in which English was a second language. The inspectors found that the school was failing to teach reading and basic skills in mathematics and science as required by the national curriculum.

Mr Clarke yesterday asked the school governors and Tower Hamlets, the education authority responsible for the school, to produce a report by the end of the summer term on the action the school and the governors planned to take to improve standards. In response to the report, Jonathan Stokes, chairman of Tower Hamlets education committee, said that a test across London in October showed that in reading Culloden was ahead of the average for the capital. Denise Syndercomb Court, a parent governor, said that the report was politically motivated and an organised attempt to down-grade progressive education.

The inspectors said in their report: "Culloden's lack of planning and organisation of what is taught and its failure to evaluate what is learnt is typical of 20 per cent of schools where the standards are unsatisfactory."

The report said that in more than two-thirds of classes the standards of reading were poor. The school said, however, that the report did not take sufficient account of the national curriculum attainment targets nor of the requirements to assess the progress of pupils.

The school inspectors said: "This is a school which sets out to put caring for children at the top of its agenda. Consequently there is much discussion about attitudes and codes of behaviour, the staff and the children are on first name terms and a lot of time is spent negotiating solutions to behavioural problems.

"There is little well-planned and structured teaching: the learning lacks rigour and pace; the reading standards in ten out of the 14 classes are poor and there are serious weaknesses in curriculum policies and planning with the consequence of high levels of under achievement."

Mr Clarke said: "These messages should be studied by all concerned with primary education. Of course inner city schools face very real difficulties. But there can be no excuse for anyone — teacher, parent, governor or local education authority — to accept lower educational standards in deprived areas.

"We cannot afford to tolerate the waste of talent which the second-rate education for inner city children often produces. Many primary schools are demonstrating what can be achieved by pupils from all backgrounds with a sensible approach to teaching."

DENZIL McNEELANCE

One-way trip: some of the sheep aboard the transporter lorry taking them to a French abattoir

Sheep lorry shadowed

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A CART drawn by a horse will deliver a petition signed by 1.5 million people to the European Council of Ministers in Strasbourg today calling for strict limits on the distances animals can be transported live for slaughter.

The signatures were collected by the RSPCA, which wants such journeys limited to a maximum of eight hours. Heather Pinchen, a reporter, accompanied Frank Milner, an RSPCA chief superintendent, as he trailed a consignment of sheep from Dover to a French destination. She reported that the animals were watered and fed overnight in Dover before shipment to Calais, where they arrived at about midday. The four-deck lorry left the port at 5.44pm, stopping at a service station for directions at 10.08pm. The sheep were not checked.

After delay in Paris they reached the village of Mantes at 11pm. It took the driver 40 minutes to locate the abattoir and it was closed. Entry was gained at 11.55pm and 267 sheep were unloaded. One sheep was dead, others lame. They crowded into an uncovered pen 12in deep in excreta. At 12.30am the animals were left to spend the night before slaughter.

☐ There was no "quick fix" for the malaise of overproduction afflicting farming in the European Community, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, told the Commons select committee on European legislation yesterday.

Police shortfall remains despite extra recruits

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE forces in the provinces failed to increase the proportion of officers on patrol in spite of being given an extra 2,600 recruits and 3,100 civilians to free officers from desk jobs, according to a National Audit Office report.

After five years of extra police and civilian manpower the proportion patrolling in 1989 still stood at 55 per cent of manpower although 70-85 per cent of the extra police recruits allowed by the Home Office was set aside for increasing patrol duties. The report said the audit office was not able "to establish the reasons for this apparent 'leakage' between administrative and operational deployment".

The Home Office told the investigators that the classification of activities between operational and support work varied and comparisons over time might be misleading. Next month Sir Clive Whitmore, junior Home Office minister, and Sir John Woodcock, chief inspector of constabulary, will be questioned by the Commons public accounts committee about the report.

The audit office set out to discover how the Home Office decided what resources it gave to police authorities, what the department did to get value for money and how police performance was measured. The report found that the inspectorate, with eight inspectors and 35 staff and crucial to the government's drive for change in the police, faced an increasing workload. There is now no clear standard of what constitutes efficiency and no modern force has been considered inefficient or denied its grant.

The report called for an overhaul of the inspectorate and its resources. The Home Office collected a lot of material which took up valuable police time but the information was not used properly, the report said. The main information on police performance was not standardised. Chief constables' reports, budgets and the inspectorate's reports were not aligned which meant that forces could not be compared and no national picture could be built up.

The audit office noted that a system for screening crime and police responses which could release hundreds of officers for patrol developed by Scotland Yard in London had not been taken up by the Home Office and passed to other forces.

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Sir John: facing questions from MPs on the report

New bomb attack on aero plant

A bomb exploded in a drawing office at Short Brothers' main aircraft plant in east Belfast yesterday, less than two weeks after the president of the firm's Canadian parent company held talks with a Sinn Fein representative in Montreal.

It was the sixth bombing within six years on Short's plants in Belfast. Two warnings were telephoned before yesterday's bombing, assumed to be the work of the IRA. Nobody was hurt.

Father's plea

Richard Ramsden, father of Josephine Ramsden, aged 21, a Down's syndrome sufferer who vanished from her home in Bridport, Dorset, a week ago, urged her abductor to return her. Police are keeping an open mind on whether she has been kidnapped.

Pole walk fails

Two Britons, David Hempleman Adams and Ray Shaw, abandoned an attempt to be the first to reach the north geomagnetic Pole without dogs or air drops and are flying back from Canada.

Awards for girls

Two convent schoolgirls who chased a shoplifter and pinned him down until police arrived were given awards totalling £250 at Norwich crown court.

Animal charges

The RSPCA served 19 summonses alleging animal abandonment against the owner of St Tudwal's East Island, Gwynedd, where all but three of a herd of 21 red deer and seven out of 11 sheep were found dead.

Ex-wife claims cash 22 years on

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Court of Appeal will today consider whether a woman who has been divorced for 22 years can claim a lump sum settlement from her former husband on the basis of his newfound prosperity.

The case, which casts doubt on the "clean break" principle, involves Alec Twiname, from Cumberland, now aged 75, whose wife Helen, now aged 69, brought divorce proceedings in 1967. She claimed a lump sum order and maintenance payments. The maintenance payments are still being made; but she did not pursue a lump sum settlement.

Mr Twiname, with his second wife, re-established his building company which had been bankrupt at the time of the divorce, and sold it for £6 million. On learning of her former husband's fortune Mrs Twiname in 1989 decided to pursue her application for a lump sum.

Mr Twiname's solicitors, Cartmell Shepherd in Carlisle, applied for the application to be struck out on the ground that it was too late, but the district judge held that it could go ahead. On appeal, a county court judge agreed that the application ought to be struck out but said that he did not have the power to do so.

Michael Kewish, Mr Twiname's solicitor, said that Parliament legislated in 1984 to bring in the clean break principle in divorce settlements. However, the act said that if one part of a petition was not dealt with at the time, the petitioner could come back at a later date to test it. He said: "If this is right, it appears to make a mockery of the clean break principle."

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Labour manifesto pledges role for unions and employers in strategy to build world class economy

Kinnock puts faith in pay talks and tax reforms

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S plans for a national economic assessment involving unions and employers in annual talks to help pay bargaining are fleshed out in the party's policy document published yesterday.

A stronger commitment to eventual European economic and monetary union, further details of the planned overhaul of the tax system, and proposals for making Britain the best educated nation in Europe giving everyone equal access to education and training are the key developments of policy in *Labour's Better Way for the 1990s*, the 20,000-word successor to the 1989 and 1990 policy tomes.

Essentially a refinement of the previous documents, the new manifesto echoes and even underlines the caution of its predecessors about the spending commitments that a Labour government would undertake, recognising what Neil Kinnock called the "sombre realities" that would be awaiting it on taking office. There will, it says, be no irresponsible dash for growth, and investment must have a higher claim than tax cuts.

Its fresh ingredients are the policy stances agreed by the party during the past year, most notably the decision to replace the community charge with what it calls a fairer version of the rating system. The return of the water industry to the public sector is made a priority, with a "fair market price" promised for any equity or ownership rights that Labour acquires.

The core of Labour's programme is its proposals to build a "world class economy" and a strategy of investment and recovery to take Britain out of recession.

Specifically rejecting a statutory incomes policy, the document throws more light than before on the outlines of plans to involve the "social partners" in regular talks on the economy, a policy that many party figures agree would be vital to the success of a Labour government. No doubt anticipating Conservative taunts that a Kinnock government would take Britain back to "beer and sandwiches" at No 10 the document says such an assessment is a crucial means of "informing" collective bargaining.

The key change proposed by Labour is the dual announcement in the spring of the Budget and the government's public expenditure proposals, bringing spending and taxation decisions together in a rational system of economic government. The national economic assessment would bring together the government, employers, unions and others for discussions about economic prospects and the competing claims on the national output, including pay, investment, exports and public spending.

The assessment, which would come after a detailed statement by the government of economic prospects and policy options facing the nation, would "develop a broad understanding of what is feasible in the light of Britain's economic circumstances". It would be taken into account by a Labour chancellor as he framed his Budget and public expenditure decisions. It also promises to consider union leaders' proposals.

To maintain monetary discipline, Labour promises a "system of financial regulation and credit management – including restraints on bank lending – to help maintain a stable economic environment and give proper priority to industrial investment".

The document repeats the pledge for a series of tax bands ending in a top rate ceiling of 50 per cent. It speaks of "moving towards" a starting rate below 20 per cent. Although party leaders denied a weakening in the commitment, the last document did not refer to a progression to under 20 per cent but suggested a speedier move. It promises to put all tax reliefs under scrutiny "to ensure that they all contribute to economic efficiency and are of equal value to all taxpayers" but specifically it says that tax relief on pension contributions will be restricted to the standard rate of tax. Labour would set a cash limit to the total reliefs a person could receive.

Unearned income of people below pension age would be subject to a charge equivalent to the 9 per cent employees' national insurance contributions, but it would not be applied to savings under about £30,000, or the £3,000 of income that that would represent. Unearned income above £3,000 would be subject to the charge, but pensioners will be exempt. Couples will be given the right to split the married couple's allowance which will be frozen at its present level. There will be a crackdown on dodgers, in an attempt to raise up to £5 billion a year in uncollected taxes.

The document pledges to use green taxes to promote environmentally friendly behaviour. Value-added tax will be reduced on beneficial products and increased on harmful items such as heavy metal batteries and non-returnable drinks cartons.

Although opposing a rigid timetable for monetary union, the document says: "Britain must not be left out of the movement towards economic and monetary union." It says that union could follow greater convergence between the different economies of the EC, to enable all countries to maintain steady rates of growth and employment without encountering long-term balance of payments problems. A key part of the national economic assessment will be a national minimum wage, starting at 50 per cent of average earnings, or around £3.40 an hour in 1991-2. Over time Labour promises to increase the minimum wage to a point where no one is paid less than two thirds of the median male hourly rate.

Child benefit will be increased immediately by restoring its real balue to what it was in April 1987. (A benefit of £9.55 for every child at current prices). There will be an immediate increase in the basic pension of £5 for a single person and £8 for a couple.

Mr Kinnock declared at the launch in London: "For the huge majority of the British people we will not be increasing taxes." He added: "Because of the changes we would make in national insurance contributions, no individual earner earning less than £20,000 a year will be worse off at all."

The Labour leader conceded that changes to national insurance contributions would mean an effective top rate tax of 59 per cent. "That is now exactly the same as it is in Germany, less than in Italy and France and, of course, it does not really start to compare with 64 per cent plus levied on the same people in Japan."

The foreign policy section of the document commits Labour to increasing overseas aid with the aim of meeting the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product within five years. A separate department of state for development and co-operation would be set up. Stating that the the authority of the UN, in the wake of the Gulf war, now stands as the firm foundation for a new world order, the document says it will be the prime aim of a newly-elected Labour government to work to strengthen the UN still further.

JOHN MANNING

Party platform: Mr Kinnock launching the Labour document in London yesterday aimed at regaining power and spelling out its policy for the 1990s

Commentary: Steven Webb

Benefit for low paid will be less than predicted

THE Labour party's proposed "fundamental reform of the tax system" looks set to be fiercely redistributive, involving restricting the value of all personal tax allowances to a single rate, the abolition of the ceiling on employee national insurance contributions, and the application of the contributions to the unearned income of richer non-pensioners. It is however ironic that plans for taxation of those on lower incomes are not as helpful to the low paid as the framers of the policy seem to believe.

Labour proposes to introduce a lower starting rate of income tax, ultimately below 20 per cent in the belief that this is the best way of reducing the tax burden on low earners. However, the money spent on this reform could alternatively be used substantially to increase personal allowances. A simple numerical example illustrates that to increase allowances would be of more benefit to poorer taxpayers.

Consider a choice between an increase in the annual personal allowance of £100, or the introduction of a reduced rate of 20 per cent on the first £550 of taxable income – two options with the same overall revenue consequences. Under the allowance increase, a taxpayer with taxable income of just £100 would save £25 a year in tax, as would any better off basic-rate taxpayer. In contrast, a reduced rate would save that same person just 5 per cent or £100 or £5 a year. Only when taxable incomes exceed £500 a year would the gain from the reduced rate outweigh that from an allowance increase.

In short, only those with enough income to cover the width of the reduced rate band will gain in full from such a change. This argument holds particularly strongly in a situation where, as Labour proposes, allowance increases are worth the same to all taxpayers and not more to higher rate taxpayers as at present.

A separate objection to a graduated rate structure (as opposed to a generalised allowance increase) is the administrative one that the taxation of unearned income such as building society interest becomes significantly more complex where individuals are paying a wide range of marginal tax rates.

A second principal element of the Labour package, the proposed abolition of the ceiling on employee national insurance contributions does, however, merit more applause. The ceiling on employee contributions is an anomaly in the direct tax system whereby employees earning more than £390 a week pay a lower average rate of contributions than those earning immediatley below that amount. This anomaly has been getting worse in recent years with the contribution ceiling only being uprated in line with prices rather than earnings. As a result the ceiling has fallen from being 145 per cent of male average earnings in 1981 to less than 120 per cent in 1990.

Abolition of the ceiling does however create problems for other areas of he tax and benefit system. An individual's record of the contributions is used to determine eligibility to state benefits such as the earnings-related pension. Labour will presumably not wish to generate greatly increased entitlements to Serps to be paid for by future generations.

If however additional contributions on earnings above the old ceiling are deemed to produce no additional benefit entitlement then they would clearly be more appropriately regarded as an alternative form of income tax. Such a move might represent the final nail in the coffin of the so-called "contributory principle".

Design for brains of Britain

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

REFORMED A-levels, an education standards council and guaranteed access to facilities at both ends of the educational age spectrum are at the heart of Labour policy in making education the big issue of the general election campaign. Jack Straw, Labour's front-bench education spokesman, said: "Labour is going to make Britain the best-educated nation in Europe."

Under Labour, every 16-year-old would be given the "right to learn", with a recognised qualification, whether they stayed at school, went into full-time training or took a job. Within five years of forming a government, Labour says, it will aim for four out of five 16 to 18-year-olds to have at least five GCSEs at grades A to C or their equivalent. A-levels will be extended and brought into line with vocational qualifications so that a single system is open to all 18-year-olds. Labour also says that it will provide nursery education for every child aged three and four whose parents want it.

Straw: "best-educated nation in Europe"

The main plank of policy is the proposed Education Standards Council, which would be made up of some parts of the HMI and the local inspectors. All schools – state and private – would be expected to follow the national curriculum and be given standards to achieve. The council would also be responsible for annual awards to be given to schools which have demonstrated their effectiveness in varying aspects of school life, and not just on the basis of examination results. Inspectors would monitor progress to identify strengths and weaknesses.

Grant-maintained schools, now a central part of Conservative policy, would be handed back to local authorities while independent schools would be allowed to continue, keeping their charitable status only if they could prove they deserved it.

A General Teaching Council would oversee standards and some schools would be designated as teacher-training centres, where newly-qualified teachers would be supervised.

One local election may reflect nation's view

Poll tax high on voters' agenda

By DAVID YOUNG

IN MILTON Keynes the local political parties are preparing the stage for an election which may well provide an accurate indication of how an autumn general election would go.

Milton Keynes is exactly the type of place that will reflect the popularity or otherwise of Conservative policies. It is also the type of classless new city in which the new look Labour party must increase its appeal if it is to form a government.

On the face of it, Milton Keynes does not have the problems of other large towns in the Midlands. The shops are full, the car parks packed with new models and 41 builders are still building and selling new homes. Unemployment is well below the national average at just over 3 per cent.

However, the poll tax has been an important local issue and at the next general election the voters will return two MPs for the city when the constituency, Britain's largest, is split and the sitting Conservative MP retires.

The local election on May 2 will therefore be a test of whether voters like the replacements for the poll tax mooted by both parties. Last year the unpopularity of the tax put Labour in power on the local council for the first time when it won six of the 15 seats being voted for. This year, with another 15 seats being contested, Labour hopes to increase its council majority of two.

Last night, the council accepted the government's charge capping and reduced its budget from £22.3 million to £20.2 million, the equivalent of a £16 poll tax cut. The council's savings and the government's £140 subsidy will bring down the poll tax from £455 to £299.

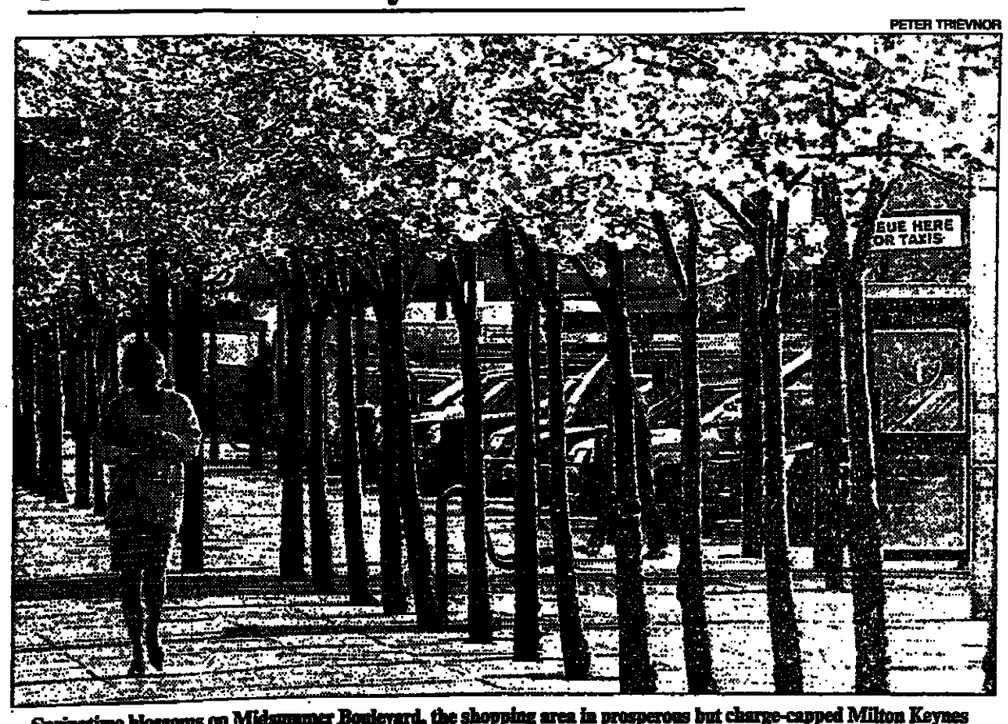
Kevin Wilson, the Labour leader of the council, said: "The government failed to recognise our special needs as a new city. We are still looking to save money."

The irony is that while Milton Keynes is a prosperous new city the council is among the poorest in the land. In spite of the acres of new factories and rows of gleaming office buildings, the council's only asset in the city centre is its overcrowded office block and its only other revenue earning assets are two old pubs and 89 houses whose freehold it owns.

Mr Wilson said: "As a council we are responsible for running the largest new town in the country but we do not have any funding apart from the income from the poll tax. Behind the glamour of Milton Keynes there are other real problems we are having to cope with and we do not have the funding. There is a serious problem of homelessness, mounting debt and marital break up in the area.

"It is the type of area, on the face of it that Conservatives would have to win if they were to win the next general election but it is also the type of area that Labour would have to win if it were to form the next government. Milton Keynes is the type of place which precisely mirrors the trend nationally."

PETER TREVNOR



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3.3p in the pound enough for local tax, Democrats say

By Robin Oakley, political editor

THE Liberal Democrats disclosed their plans yesterday for a local income tax as a replacement for the community charge or Labour's proposed "fair rates". All the money raised by the present poll tax could be matched by an average increase of 3.3p in the pound, the party said.

Under the Liberal Democrat plan, each local authority would set its own local income tax rate. To spare employers problems, the tax would be collected at a uniform rate of, say, 4 per cent by the Inland Revenue. At the year's end those living in an area with a lower local income tax would get a rebate. Those living in areas with a higher rate would pay a surcharge. In practice, the party said, 70 to 80 per cent would get refunds.

The party document, *Local Income Tax – The Best Way*, said that collection costs would be lower than those of the poll tax, no new collection body would be needed and the highly visible nature of the year-end tax adjustments, just before local elections in May, would enable taxpayers to compare the spending record of their council with that of others. The tax would be based on the ability to pay, simple to collect and hard to avoid.

The party added that households with incomes of £10,000 a year would pay an average of £164 and incomes of £20,300 would generate tax charges of £504 (the average poll tax bill this year for a two-person household in England). Incomes of £30,000 would attract charges of £824.

High earners would pay much more. A household with an income of £80,000 would be expected to pay £2,474 towards local services and those on £100,000 would pay £3,134. Alan Beith, the party's Treasury spokesman, conceded that middle-income households with two or more people working could lose.

In some high-spending areas, the rate of tax would have to be up to 1.5p in the pound higher to meet present budgets, leaving middle and high-income households with an even heavier burden. Equally, some low-spending councils would need to charge less than 3.3p in the pound to meet present spending levels.

Mr Beith said that pensioners, students and low-earners would either be exempt from paying for local services or would face considerably lower charges than under the poll tax. "What people hated most about the poll tax was the fact that it was not related to the ability to pay.

"Any reform of the poll tax system will lead to people generally on higher incomes paying more – we cannot duck that. Neither the government's proposals, as far as we can tell, nor Labour's rates plans are linked to the ability to pay. Local income tax is easy to understand, efficient and cheap to administer as well as being fair. No other system can match local income tax on any of these points. Local income tax means no poll tax register, no 20 per cent contribution, no revaluation, no need for rebates."

The Liberal Democrat document pointed out that there are 25.2 million income tax payers (counting husbands and wives as a single unit) compared with only 19.8 million ratepayers; the proposed tax would spread the burden across a wider proportion of the population.

The party denied claims by ministers that sensitive information about people's finances would have to be collected by local councils. With the Inland Revenue collecting the tax, there would be no need for local registers and present ways of countering evasion would suffice. Full computerisation would not be required.

Beith: middle-income households may lose

Fighting free of poll tax

By Tony Travers

Will the government really get rid of the poll tax? Many marginal votes may be swung by the answer – or people's perception of the answer – to this question. Like everything else in local government finance, "abolishing" the community charge is not a simple matter of black and white.

The present community charge is certainly a poll tax. Virtually the whole population pays it, although millions of people get rebates.

The dear old rating system, whatever its other faults, was not a poll tax. It was levied on householders as the occupiers of domestic properties. The amount of tax paid varied not with the number of adults in each property, but with the rental value of the house or flat.

Recently the government has been struggling to replace the poll tax with a levy that will retain the principle of the community charge. The principle is generally taken to mean that there should be some relationship between the amount that is paid by each household and the number of adults in it. Thus by doing ministers' bidding, civil servants inevitably have arrived back at something that could easily be labelled a poll tax.

In recent weeks, newspapers have been issued regularly with descriptions of the government's latest thinking on the subject of property-and-people taxes. Early indications were of a property tax with a flat-rate addition for all non-householders, which would still have been seen as a poll tax.

A little later, ministers floated the idea of a property tax that would assume that there were three adults in each household, but where two and one-adult households could claim discounts. Looked at another way, for a similar property, a single adult would have paid a rates bill, two adults would have paid that bill plus, say, £50 and three adults or more a further £50 again. Given that the government would have fixed the extra amounts for two and three-plus adult households, the Opposition could have argued that that was a poll tax.

Next, we saw that ministers were thinking of a rating system that assumed that there were two adults in each property, with a discount for single-adult households and an extra payment for three or more adults. Once again, that would have looked suspiciously like a poll tax.

Finally, reports have centred on the idea of a property tax that would simply have a discount for single-adult households. All households with two or more adults would pay a straightforward property tax bill. Single householders would volunteer for a big discount.

The last option would be much harder to call a poll tax because most households would simply pay the property tax. In short, the government can free itself from the accusation of producing Poll Tax II only by ensuring that any relationship between adult numbers and local tax bills is achieved by discounts rather than additions and by limiting the discounts to a minority of households.

The author is a research director at the LSE.

Labour drops NHS threat

By John Winder and Nicholas Wood

ROBIN Cook, Labour's chief health spokesman, was forced yesterday to withdraw a veiled threat to the career prospects of health service managers.

The Labour spokesman backed down in the Commons in response to pressure from William Waldegrave, the health secretary, and Conservative MPs angered by Mr Cook's suggestion that managers who embraced the government's health reforms too enthusiastically might not find their contracts renewed. Such hints have also been dropped by David Nellist and John Hughes, two Coventry Labour MPs, in a letter to their local hospital.

Jeremy Hayes, a secretary of the Tory backbench health committee, told MPs that Mr Cook's remarks a year ago had been condemned by *The Health Service Journal*. The magazine described them in an editorial as flagrant intimidation of NHS managers.

Mr Waldegrave reminded Mr Cook that Neil Kinnock had repudiated all such pressure on health service staff. According to a letter from the Labour leader to Mr Waldegrave, which was released later, Mr Kinnock had said that he found such threats "as meaningless as they are objectionable".

The health secretary said: "I have to say that Mr Cook made similar threats himself and the House is therefore owed an endorsement by him of Mr Kinnock's repudiation of the two MPs and withdrawal of his own threats about renewal of contracts after an election".

Mr Cook replied: "I fully associate myself with the repudiation by the leader of the party of the remarks about the future of the hospital. I take the opportunity of assuring managers that there will be no problem in renewing the contracts of those managers who serve the next Labour government as loyally as they do this government."

Pay body for teachers

A PAY review body for the country's 400,000 state school teachers will be announced today by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary (Nicholas Wood writes).

Mr Clarke will make a Commons statement detailing the government's plans to enhance the status of the profession by putting it on a par with other public sector groups such as doctors and senior civil servants.

The announcement will be opposed by the National Union of Teachers, the biggest of the six bodies representing teachers. Doug McAvoy, its general secretary, has said that a review body would depress salaries. The other five teacher unions will broadly support Mr Clarke's remedy.

MP deliberately set off complaint

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

A FEUD between two MPs has exposed an anomaly in the declaration of members' interests that favours the Conservatives. Under the rules, trade union contributions must be declared by MPs; company gifts to Tory constituency offices, however, are rarely disclosed.

Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, said yesterday that, to show up the anomaly, he deliberately provoked a complaint to the House committee on members' interests about his failure to declare his Confederation of Health Service Employees sponsorship during hearings of the Commons public accounts committee.

The Conservative MP Michael Mates reported him to the Commons committee on members' interests. Mr Campbell-Savours, a tenacious campaigner for a more open parliamentary system, had complained to the committee previously that Mr Mates had failed to declare his business links when chairing the defence committee.

In its report published yesterday, the members' interests committee found that Mr Campbell-Savours was technically in breach of the declaration rules. But the committee promised a broader review of the rules and did not recommend any action to discipline him.

Mr Campbell-Savours said yesterday: "I am pleased about the report. For six years I have argued that if a pound paid to a constituency party by a company is not declarable by an MP, then why should a pound paid by a trade union be declarable?"

In his case to the committee, Mr Campbell-Savours cites donations of £5,000 from Boddington Group to Conservative associations in the Northwest in 1988 and 1989.

The committee accepted that the rules do not make clear whether trade union sponsorship, when an MP receives no money directly, should be declared. "Pending our broader review", it added, "[our] opinion is that members should continue to declare any sponsorship arrangement by a trade union or otherwise, in which they are involved and irrespective of whether they receive personal payment, which it is relevant for them to do so."

House of Commons select committee on members' interests: *Second Report* (Stationery Office; £6.70).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. Debate on an Opposition motion on the health service and community care.
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TURKEY

'Animal' treatment of Kurdish refugees provokes outrage

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN SILOPI

THE first of the estimated 600,000 Kurdish refugees inside or still approaching Turkey have left the mountains for the relative comfort of this new camp on the Turkish plain, but the scheme has run into international criticism.

The Kurds have been forced to make the journey to the new camp 25 km north of the Iraqi border crammed like sheep into coal lorries commandeered by the Turks.

Paul Howell, a Conservative Euro-MP and the first British politician to visit the area in southeastern Turkey, yesterday condemned the method being used to transfer the refugees.

After riding in one of the lorries with the refugees — many of them sick and shoeless after being herded from the mountainside border camp at Isikveren, Mr Howell said: "Everywhere that you look these people are being treated like animals. It seems as if their horror is being deliberately worsened in an effort to force them to turn back to Iraq.

"At the moment, the European Parliament is passing legislation about the transportation of animals which would not permit them the kind of conditions that these Kurds are being made to face."

Turkish security men yesterday attempted to prevent Mr Howell and a small group of Western aid workers and this correspondent from entering the new makeshift camp, but later relented after intervention by the Turkish governor of the town of Silopi, Osman Akbush.

Mr Akbush rejected recent Western criticism of Turkey's treatment of the Kurdish refugees and alleged that foreign money and help had not been forthcoming in sufficient quantities. Asked whether there was now a reversal of the earlier policy of preventing the Iraqi Kurds from coming down into Turkey from their insanitary mountain death-traps, he replied: "I just do not know."

By last night 2,000 Kurds had moved to Silopi and up to 20,000 were expected. In camps policed by Turkish soldiers Kurds were still being forced at gunpoint to remain on mountainsides where living conditions are daily becoming more hazardous and causing increasing deaths.

American helicopters roared overhead yesterday transporting aid to the more far flung areas where the majority of the Kurds remained. Dr Bart Meinan of the charity, Médecins Sans Frontières, at the mountain camp housing some 150,000 refugees, confirmed that influence had been used to allow the small number to escape to the warmer, better supplied and more hygienic plain below.

"Inevitably, it is the poorest and weakest who will be the last to leave," the doctor from Amsterdam said.

Aid flight: Kurdish refugees on the Turkish border run from a landing US relief helicopter. A hundred tents were blown over by the downdraft

IRAN

Camp suffering shocks official

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

SHOCKED by the suffering and squalor she saw at an Iranian border camp, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) yesterday warned the world of a human tragedy that could be averted only by the swift arrival of huge amounts of international aid.

"Iran has done a lot by opening its borders and even its doors, but its resources are limited and not adequate," Sadako Ogato said. "A human tragedy is unfolding right in front of us. Massive mobilisation of resources is needed to avert it."

Ogato: "Iran's resources are not adequate to cope"

Officials at the border said queues 30 miles long were crawling along mountain roads to get into Iran, which has already taken in more than a million Kurdish and Shia refugees, twice as many as Turkey.

Britain, which has three giant Chinook transport helicopters already in Turkey, is to send six more to help the relief operation. The six Chinooks, still in desert camouflage, saw action in the Gulf war and were being shipped home when their carrier was diverted to Cyprus on Sunday. They will leave the RAF base at Akrotiri for Incirlik in Turkey today or tomorrow.

Iraq withdrew its troops from Iranian territory along the northern border yesterday after Iran told Baghdad through its embassy in Tehran to do so or be responsible for any "dangerous consequences".

Iranian officials are relocating tens of thousands of refugees to towns inside Iran to relieve the pressure on border towns. President Rafsanjani urged the Iranian people to forget the eight-year war with Iraq and to continue to care for the refugees.

Turkish leader criticises West for inadequate relief operation

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Turkish prime minister yesterday rebuked governments and aid agencies which have criticised his country's handling of the Kurdish refugees fleeing from Iraqi troops. Yildrim Akbulut, who was in London for the launch of the new European Bank, said Turkey could not cope with the 400,000 refugees on its own.

He promised that more refugees would be brought down from the mountains, where thousands are reported to have died, but he said Turkey was already dealing with 400,000 refugees. Once they were all moved to a lower region, the other 200,000 on the Iraqi side of the mountain would want to join them. "Where do we put them?" he asked.

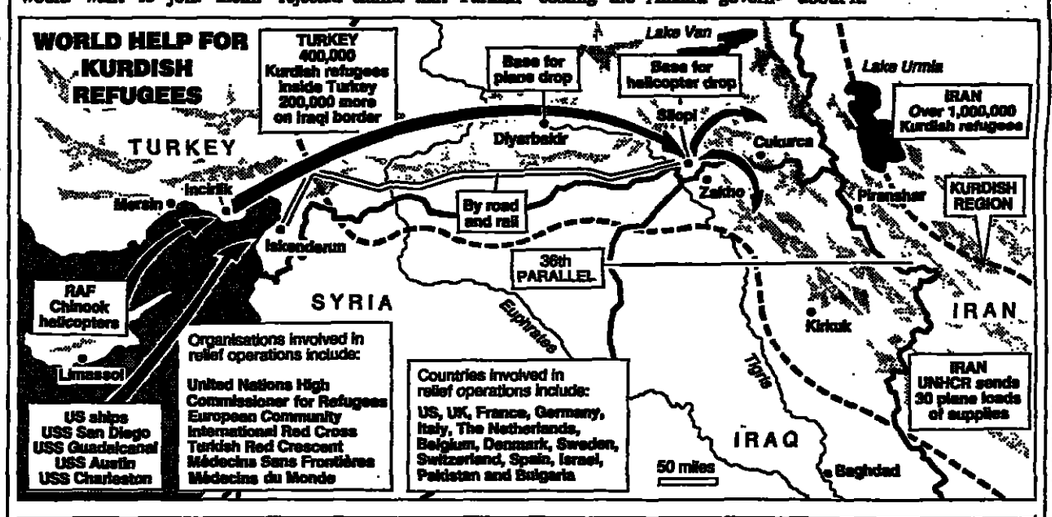
Mr Akbulut told a press conference that the only permanent solution was "to create the environment" in which they could be returned to their own homes in Iraq under a United Nations guarantee of safety. He said that although he was grateful for the 25 aid aircraft that had arrived so far, that was "just a drop in the seas". Only 8,000 tents had been sent. "If you have eight people to a tent, you need 50,000 to accommodate 400,000," he said. "But who has got them? Who will provide them?"

The prime minister also rejected claims that Turkish soldiers had mistreated the Kurdish refugees. "The soldiers are living in the same cold and snow and rain on the mountainside as these people. But we see the Turkish soldiers [on television] pushing persons to have order established.

"This is interpreted as Turkish soldiers torturing these people. This is the image and I don't think it's a fair interpretation. The Turkish soldiers have not caused the death of one Iraqi citizen yet," he said.

Mr Akbulut said the Gulf war had made a heavy impact on the Turkish economy and now the refugee tragedy was costing the Ankara government two billion lira (£298,000) a day. The whole of Turkey had been mobilised to help the refugees but providing shelter, food and medecine could only be a "temporary solution".

He said Turkey had accepted 9,000 Iraqi refugees before the war had started, another 100,000 Iraqis in 1988, and a further 300,000 Bulgarian Turks last year. Which other country had taken on so many refugees, he asked? So far only 500 of the refugees had been taken up by other countries, 350 of them by France. "I don't want to make comparisons," Mr Akbulut said, "but just think about it."



Chalker to raise case of hostage

Another Middle East war has come and gone. A new Archbishop of Canterbury has assumed office and other hostages walk free, but as John McCarthy marks his fifth year in captivity of purgatory there is no sign of his salvation (David Watts writes).

Mr McCarthy was new to Beirut when the US bombed Libya in 1986. He knew the significance of that for a foreign journalist and made to leave the country. When he drove to the airport on April 17, 1986, his path was blocked by gunmen.

When Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid and development minister, arrives in Tehran on Friday, she will raise the McCarthy case. But, despite the improving links with Tehran, there have been no signs that Mr McCarthy will benefit from the new atmosphere.

Another long-term British hostage is Terry Waite, the Church of England envoy. Yesterday Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said he was willing to go to the Middle East if it would help secure Mr Waite's release.

Papal offer

Rome — The Pope said the Catholic Church wanted to help Gulf war victims and build peace in the Middle East. The church's annual message to Muslims is usually sent by the Vatican's Council for Inter-religious Dialogue, but he said the tragic effects of the war had prompted him to write it himself. *(Reuter)*

Lebanese freed

Nicosia — Cyprus has freed six Lebanese jailed after being caught preparing to assassinate Lebanon's Christian leader Michel Aoun at Larnaca airport, police here said. They were repatriated after serving only 17 months of their sentences of between five and eight years. *(AFP)*

US troops hide

Bonn — About 50 American servicemen who refused to fight in the Gulf war are hiding in Germany, according to Clare Overlander, a New York lawyer who is representing five who returned to military control voluntarily. US European Command in Stuttgart said it had no estimate of deserters. *(Reuter)*

US INITIATIVE

Baker resumes mission to secure Middle East deal

By MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, left Washington yesterday for his third trip to the Middle East in six weeks in pursuit of that elusive and perhaps impossible peace settlement which evaded the best efforts of three of his distinguished predecessors: Henry Kissinger, Cyrus Vance and George Shultz.

Ten months ago Mr Baker had virtually given up hope of brokering an Israeli-Palestinian settlement, publicly divulging the White House phone number and telling an intransigent Israeli government: "When you are serious about peace, call us." Today he is fired up again, determined to take advantage of the brief "window of opportunity" presented by Arab-Israeli unity against Iraq, hoping against hope for the breakthrough that would crown America's military triumph in the Gulf and prevent it being tarnished by the Kurdish tragedy.

He is buoyed by praise from Syria, long regarded as Israel's most implacable enemy and which traditionally had been inflexible in its approach to a regional Middle East peace settlement. "The American effort wins the appreciation of Arabs and the world," said *Tishrin,* a leading Syrian newspaper. Such efforts were necessary because the Middle East is a "hot and explosive pit", said the paper, which until the Gulf war had a record of hostility towards America.

Mr Baker is nothing if not a realist. As his aides make clear, he will continue his efforts only so long as he is convinced all parties are serious He will not allow talks about talks to become an end in themselves, and he will use this trip to determine just how far the leaders involved are prepared to go. If dissatisfied with the answers, it could be his last, while progress could pave the way for a presidential visit to the region.

Last week, Mr Baker secured the approval in principle of Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan to the idea of a peace conference, hosted by the United States and possibly Moscow, which would act as a vehicle for promoting direct negotiations between Arabs and Israelis. This time he will want to establish the framework and agenda of that conference, and that will require genuine concessions.

Israel is adamant that it will not trade land for peace, but several Arab states say the conference must be based on the UN resolutions which enshrine that principle. The Arabs want an international peace conference, the Israelis a regional peace conference which would exclude Europeans they see as pro-Arab. The most vexed question is who would represent the Palestinians, with the Israelis insistent on the exclusion of anyone linked to the Palestinian Liberation Organisation.

Mr Baker will go to Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria and also plans to visit Jordan, the first senior American official to do so since it sided with Iraq during the Gulf war. Though relations remain frosty, Washington recognises that as Israel's neighbour and home to millions of Palestinians, Jordan will have a key role to play in any settlement.

Today, on his way to the Middle East, Mr Baker will brief EC foreign ministers in Luxembourg on his efforts and seek to co-ordinate policy on the region.

KUWAIT

Pollution damage rising with Gulf pall

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

UP TO 16,000 tonnes of black smoke a day are thought to be rising into the sky above Kuwait from burning oil wells, an American scientist, studying the problem for the Pentagon, told a meeting at Essex university yesterday. "We have never seen a pollution event of this magnitude," Richard Small said.

The burning well-heads were injecting up to half a million tonnes of soot into the atmosphere a month, he said, and perhaps another 100,000 tonnes had been thrown up by the burning of oil refinery storage tanks. Over the 600-mile extent of the smoke plume, there would be long-term damage to agriculture, vegetation, drinking water, animals and people, Dr Small said.

He is an expert on the "nuclear winter" theory — the predicted cutting off of the sun's light and heat by huge amounts of dust thrown up by a nuclear exchange. Before the Gulf war began, this theory was used as a basis to predict the outcome if Kuwaiti oil wells were set on fire. In January, he forecast for the Pentagon that although there would be severe pollution, the Earth's climate would not be affected. Some scientists were then predicting that the Asian monsoon would fail. Events have borne out Dr Small's view. Yesterday he told a meeting of scientists from a number of countries that there were 743 oil wells in Kuwait, of which 363 were producing. The rest were shut down before the Iraqi invasion on August 2 last year. About 500 were now believed to be on fire, and the calculation for the amount of smoke they were producing was based on their flow rate and the physical properties of their oil.

"In terms of global climate, the effects of the fires is quite small. But for the region it is devastating," he said. One question to be settled was how Saudi Arabia and Iran as well as Kuwait, would seek reparations from Iraq for pollution damage.

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Migrants find Israel an unpromising land

From RICHARD BEESTON IN BEERSHEBA

IF YURI Vulach had to make the choice again, he would have stayed in Riga, rather than begin his new life in this drab, Israeli town on the edge of the Negev desert, where his prospects for a good job and a decent home are slim and becoming bleaker each day.

At 8.30 in the morning on the top floor of the decaying concrete building which houses the absorption ministry in Beersheba, the recent arrivals from the Soviet Union, queueing up in corridors for money and advice, could be forgiven for believing that they had never escaped the notorious corridors of Soviet bureaucracy.

"We feel deceived by the people in power," said Mr Vulach, aged 30, who worked as a physiotherapist in Latvia. "If I had the choice I would have preferred to remain in the Soviet Union and try to obtain a visa for the US. "I do not see any opportunity of finding a decent job here for at least the next five years," Mr Vulach added.

Absorption into any new country is never easy, as Israelis will tell you. With Soviet Jews arriving until recently at the rate of 1,000 a day, the country cannot hope to accommodate adequately the one million immigrants expected to arrive from Moscow by 1994.

Yehuda Weinraub, of the Jewish Agency, the semi-government organisation responsible for immigration, explained: "We do not know what will happen in the Soviet Union, or for that matter in the Middle East over the coming years, and our policy is to enable as many Jews to get out while they can and worry about how to absorb them afterwards."

Although Israeli officials claim that today's immigrants receive much more efficient care than those who came when Israel was founded 43 years ago, they have an impossible task in finding enough work for highly qualified professionals, such as scientists and doctors, many of whom left the Soviet Union to improve their economic status rather than because of Zionist ideals.

The grumbling in Beersheba is by no means isolated; the latest unemployment claims indicate a 35 per cent increase throughout the country last month and even steeper rises in immigrant towns such as Nazareth, where applications were up 126 per cent, and Tiberius, where they rose 79.5 per cent.

The situation is so critical in some areas that scores of Russian women have turned to prostitution and immigrants can be found on market day in the Arab area of Jerusalem selling old clothes and trinkets in an effort to raise money.

Vladimir Seri, aged 45, a former contract supplier from Lvov in the Ukraine, had to wash cars for a pound an hour when he first arrived. Although he now has a job as a building inspector, he readily concedes that he was given the work by a sympathetic Israeli businessman who could dismiss him any day.

The shortage of jobs and escalating property prices, caused by the influx of Soviet Jews, have also led to friction in the poorer Israeli communities; Mr Seri's son, Alexander, aged 20, refuses to speak Russian when he walks through the streets of Beersheba. "People do not like Russians much here," he said. "Sometimes they tell you to go back to the Soviet Union."

Michael Kleiner, the chairman of the Knesset's immigration committee, who issued a warning recently that one million Soviet Jews with visas already granted had halted their plans to emigrate because of conditions in Israel, said: "They are willing to sweep the streets and work in construction for a year or two, but they want to see opportunities ahead, and they don't."

ISRAEL

Shamir underlines Soviet role in search for peace

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE key to Soviet participation in a Middle East peace settlement is for Moscow to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, told his Soviet counterpart in the first such contact between the two countries.

After his meeting with Valentin Pavlov in London, Mr Shamir told a press conference that he thought the Soviet Union would consider Israel's case for resumption "sympathetically".

The Soviet Union has not established full relations until now because of Israel's refusal to guarantee that Jewish immigrants will not be settled on the West Bank. Regular air services have yet to be organised between the two countries and Moscow is apparently in no hurry to move the process forward.

Stretching the sympathy of Israel's other main interlocutor more than a little, Mr Shamir admitted that another settlement had been established on the West Bank only hours before James Baker, the American Secretary of State, is due in Tel Aviv in the latest round of shuttle diplomacy.

He said that the settlement at Revava had nothing to do with the pursuit of peace. "We have explained that it doesn't make any difference whether there are 100 or 120 settlements with 100 or 120,000 Israelis, because a political solution will be accepted outside this fact," Mr Shamir said. "In Israel we have hundreds of thousands of Arabs and they are building homes all the time and nobody pays any attention. I don't see any connection between the settlements and the peace process."

Israel was encouraged by Mr Baker's decision to dedicate so much time to the issue: "It demonstrates the readiness of the United States to do everything possible to get peace in the Middle East." Mr Shamir said a Soviet-Israeli rapprochement was "absolutely necessary" before any regional peace conference. "The Soviets will have to discuss the plans with the United States. They will have to fulfil a common function."

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The reporter who wrote these words was describing a Romanian orphanage in 1989, just after the December Revolution.

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Walesa glosses over differences ahead of British visit

Warsaw has attacked British media criticism of the Polish president but Lech Walesa, making a state visit to London next week, says that "the British are all right". Roger Boyes in Warsaw examines his more conciliatory approach

Walesa: trying to step up the pace of Polish reform

PRESIDENT Walesa yesterday brushed off criticism that he was waging a campaign against Britain and souring the prospects of a successful state visit to London next week. "The English are all right," he said. "They're quiet, they're slow, they count things carefully, they hesitate — and I'm switching to their track."

The president's office took the unusual step last week of calling in Stephen Barret, the British ambassador to Poland, to complain about a BBC documentary series, *In Solidarity*, and press reports that had presented Mr Walesa as something of a villain.

Attacks on the British know-how fund and the BBC Polish service have become a regular feature of the weekly *Tygodnik Solidarnosc* newspaper, and British visitors to Poland usually receive a lecture from Mr Walesa about the British role in the Yalta agreement that handed Poland over to Stalin.

As Windsor Castle is prepared for his visit next Tuesday, and the British government tries to come up with even more generous ways to write off the Polish debt than was agreed by the Paris Club, it is clear, however, that Mr Walesa has decided it is time to be nice to the English. "I wasn't in the country when your ambassador was called in," he said. "I wouldn't have done it."

The man responsible for the ticking off was Slawomir Siwek, an important — if increasingly vulnerable — under-secretary in the president's office. He objected to the tone of the BBC documentary, but the British ambassador told him it was not up to the British government to control the media.

Mr Walesa has now promised that he will let Polish television broadcast the documentary. "Still, I don't hold any grudges against my colleagues and friends for defending the president, or Poland," he said. "They didn't have my permission, nor was I even informed — but that's democracy!"

Mr Walesa says he is committed to accelerating domestic and foreign policy reforms. He wants Britain to follow the example of France and other members of the European Community countries by lifting visa obligations on Poles. He also believes that Britain should take a role in urging the EC to be more receptive towards east European products. "We have a steelworks, Nowa Huta, that is destroying Cracow. But France has an efficient steel industry. We can give up this steelworks in the French or your favour, providing you do something about retraining the 60,000 workers that will be made redundant."

It is clear that the Polish president understands the workings of the Soviet Union better than those of the EC. He pledged during his election campaign to throw the Soviet army, a contingent of about 52,000 men, out of Poland. Now that the final preparations are being made for a summit meeting with President Gorbachev, however, he boxes more cautiously. "The Soviet Union remains a superpower in the military and nuclear sense. Only the economy is in difficulty," he said. "People want me to lead the troops out or chuck them over the border, but I have neither the strength nor the will to do it."

Although the deadline still stands, it is obvious that Mr Walesa would be prepared to let the Soviet withdrawal continue into next year. "I don't want to humiliate the Soviet army — I want simply to prove that there is no political sense to their staying here, that it does pay economically."

He wants big concessions from western Europe, particularly admission to the EC, but he is making more modest demands of the Soviet Union: unlimited access to former Polish territories such as Lvov and Vilnius, protection for Polish minorities, and a full disclosure about the Soviet massacre of Poles in Katyn Forest.

After eleven years of street politics, Mr Walesa is evidently getting used to the institutions of power. He remains, however, a very mobile politician, capable of dropping unpopular policies overnight and constantly shuffling his political advisers.

Old friends desert Gorbachev in the rush to avoid blame

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

WHENEVER President Gorbachev leaves the Soviet Union he must fancy at times that he can hear the sound of knives being sharpened back in Moscow.

His hold on the positions that underpin his authority — state president and party chief — is looking tenuous as calls for his resignation, originally launched by striking coalminers, are taken up by old-guard Communists.

Yesterday the Communist party secretaries from 13 cities, including Moscow and Leningrad, appealed for the country's salvation from scurrilous persons wanting to introduce capitalism. "Our motherland is in danger ... the dirtiest tricks are being used, to deprive us of our history and memory and to set us against each other," their statement read.

As different parts of the Soviet establishment scramble to avoid the responsibility for plunging output, industrial problems and the threat of hyperinflation, even those who normally support the president are pointedly hedging their bets.

One such is Boris Gidaspov, the Leningrad party boss who, in remarks published yesterday as Mr Gorbachev arrived in Tokyo, deplored the "unforgiveable passivity and inconsistency of the Communist leadership and the Soviet president personally". He told a party meeting that "we cannot continue with a policy that is incomprehensible to us, let alone the party masses and workers". Mr Gidaspov was the main speaker at the meeting for the relatively pro-Gorbachev faction. He faced opponents who wanted Mr Gorbachev's immediate removal.

News that the Communists' policy-making central committee will meet next Wednesday, several weeks earlier than expected, was seen as a concession to grassroots discontent within the party. Vladimir Ivashko, the deputy party leader, has said the plenum will not discuss significant "personnel changes" but ways of increasing Communist influence over the economy and in legislatures of all levels. But Mr Gorbachev's role seems certain to be challenged.

Komsomolskaya Pravda, the liberal Communist youth daily, recently carried an impassioned appeal for moderates to support the current leader, at a time when "there is much whispering in important political circles that the party, or at least its apparatus, is ready to sacrifice its general secretary".

Mr Gorbachev's chances of surviving as president will be heavily influenced by the tactics of Soyuz, the conservative parliamentary caucus which recently issued, and then backed off, threats to force an emergency meeting of the full Soviet legislature.

The liberal newspaper *Nezavisimaya* has suggested that Anatoli Lukyanov, the parliamentary Speaker and a nominal Gorbachev ally, is the group's secret patron. It said Mr Lukyanov had better connections at the top of the KGB than Mr Gorbachev, and that he was preparing to make his own bid for power.

The Soviet parliament, meanwhile, agreed in principle on a law which would ban political strikes. There seemed little immediate prospect of the leaders of the six-week-old miners' strike heeding the measure.

Pupils' greeting, page 12

Bull fright: Pedro Moya, known as El Niño de la Capea, hangs upside down as he is gored in the thigh during a fight in Seville. He was recovering in hospital yesterday

Major faces clash on EC draft treaty

From GEORGE BROCK IN STRASBOURG

AN AMBITIOUS treaty designed to take a more united European Community into the post-cold war world of the 1990s was presented to national governments yesterday. The 95-page provisional text, tabled by Luxembourg, currently the community president, tries to split the difference between the bewildering variety of plans aired at a special treaty conference since last December and will please neither federalists in a hurry nor the minority, including Britain, who want slower evolution.

The talks have divided. One part has digested a welter of plans for increasing the community's powers and streamlining its machinery. The other has wrestled with the problems of co-ordinating foreign policy. The outcome of both parts harbour difficulties for John Major's attempts to avoid open clashes with his community partners.

The suggestion that majority voting could speed the implementation of some joint foreign policy decisions will be resisted by Britain. The text specifically mentions the possibility that Britain and France might be the voice of the community in the United Nations Security Council, but adds that such decisions will be made only by unanimous agreement, as at present. The list of topics which might be treated as joint foreign policy, bargaining positions in disarmament talks, for example, is fairly modest, however, and leaves much scope for independent national action.

London will also try to water down the suggested extension of community powers to social and employment matters which the prime minister, like Margaret Thatcher before him, continues to insist are national responsibilities. Greater powers for Brussels to deal with environmental problems will be less controversial.

Both a new political treaty and a parallel agreement on monetary union are not likely to be completed until the end of this year. Arguments about the alphabet soup of Western defence groupings will stretch well beyond that. A group of countries, led by France and Italy and supported by Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, want Europe to run its own military alliance.

M Delors and others have suggested that the community should absorb the Western European Union (WEU), a re-emerging body which links nine members of both the EC and Nato. This group will be disappointed that the draft treaty does not empower the community's heads of government to guide or direct the WEU, saying merely that appropriate military matters "can" be dealt with by the body.

The treaty text also creates a new level of community law to try to solve its lack of democratic accountability. The treaty proposes that the European parliament should have veto power over laws enshrining broad principles but be unable to block detailed legislation.

Serbian workers strike

Belgrade — In Yugoslavia's biggest strike since the second world war, more than 700,000 metal, textile and leather workers in the republic of Serbia downed tools over low wages and threatened to march on Belgrade should talks with the government fail to produce results (Dessa Trevisan writes).

As the country's economic and ethnic problems continue, labour unrest is affecting other sectors. Airline engineers, Bosnian miners and Slovene teachers have stopped work, and thousands of Serbian firms are facing bankruptcy because of high taxation.

Oil offensive

Rome — About 60 boats were working to contain and collect oil slicks from the tanker Haven that sank on Sunday. The oil is washing up on beaches west of Genoa.

Salvage delay

Rotterdam — A project to raise the sunken Soviet nuclear-powered submarine, Komsomolets, off Norway, has been postponed because Moscow cannot find the money, a Dutch salvage group said. *(Reuter)*

Museum reopens

Amsterdam — The Van Gogh museum has reopened here two days after 20 masterpieces by the 19th-century Impressionist were stolen and recovered minutes later in one of the world's shortest-lived art thefts. *(Reuter)*

Activists fined

Paris — A court here has ordered seven anti-vivisection campaigners, including a veterinarian, to pay the equivalent of £34,000 in damages for stealing 17 baboons from a government research laboratory in 1985. *(AFP)*

Support grows for Ukraine miners

From ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

THOUSANDS of factory workers in the Ukraine yesterday began an "indefinite strike" in support of the republic's miners, worsening the industrial unrest sweeping the Soviet Union. The workers demanded the removal of President Gorbachev and an end to Communist party rule.

"We want to live better. We want more pay and to close down the nuclear reactors, and for the Soviet president and government to resign," said a protester at a rally in Kiev's October Revolution square.

The sympathy strikes pose a fresh challenge to the governments in Kiev and Moscow, trying to prevent the unrest from spreading to other industries and republics. The miners in the Ukraine's Donbass region have now been on strike for seven weeks.

Yesterday, miners in Kursk, south of Moscow, went on strike for the first time. In Sverdlovsk, labour leaders called for a warning strike tomorrow in support of the miners. In Georgia, President Gamsakhurdia ordered government departments to support strikes undertaken last week by the Georgian leadership as part of its campaign to secure independence.

The Soviet parliament met in private for the second day yesterday to debate amendments to labour laws to punish politically motivated strikes.

The latest strikes in the Ukraine affected industries in Kiev, Donetsk and Lvov. Sergei Melnik, the strike spokesman in Kiev, said: "It is developing into a republic-wide strike and we are united with the miners. We support their demands. We want the resignation of the Soviet president and an improvement in living standards."

Nikolai Kuryzhko, a delighted miners' leader, said: "We are not alone any more. Donetsk is the heart of the Ukraine's strike and we are now seeing the waves of support for us rippling out."

At a rally in Kiev, Yuri Arkhipchuhuk, a pit leader, said: "We have one enemy, the Communist party. We are not moved by material motives. Our aim is to take the government to task."

PARIS NOTEBOOK by Philip Jacobson

Forgers reap a peace dividend

While French banknotes are altogether more pleasing to the eye than much paper currency — the drab British fiver cannot hold a candle to its handsome 50 franc counterpart — this does not make them any more proof against counterfeiters. Recently Paris police broke up a gang that had been using advanced laser-printing techniques to run off more or less perfect copies of the ornate larger denominations.

One raid turned up a cache of fake *billets* with a face value of around five million francs (£495,000). By a pleasing stroke, the masterminds involved were arrested in a bar on the rue de la Grande Truanderie, roughly "Street of Crooks". It appears they took particular pride in their version of the "Pascal", the 500-franc note bearing the image of the revered man of letters.

In Nice, quantities of high-grade counterfeit 200s (Comte de Montesquieu) have started circulating. With tourists flooding back into France after the Gulf war, the pickings for forgers could soon be rewarding enough to think about branching out into the 100 franc Delacroix, or even the humble 20 franc Debussy.

The French government's war on those who cannot face the world without blowing Gauloise smoke in other people's eyes will soon be extended by a law forbidding them to light up at work unless special areas are provided. Also in the sights of Claude Evin, the vigorous health minister, are public places — platforms in the Métro included — and, not before time, all schools, colleges and universities, where teachers are sometimes the worst offenders.

The minister clearly has the bit between his teeth, having recently "persuaded" the Chevignon group, designers of casual clothing for the young and chic, to drop a deal that allowed the state-owned cigarette monopoly to use its name for a new brand. With M Evin's blessing, the anti-smoking lobby had already taken Chevignon to court for undermining the government's efforts to reduce the dismayingly high level of confirmed smokers among French teenagers.

It appears that the proposed legislation will also oblige restaurants to set aside non-smoking sections. If he could contrive to banish dogs from restaurants as well, M Evin would be well on the way to sainthood as far as I am concerned.

The French continue to reign unchallenged as the most avid consumers of sleeping pills and tranquillisers. They each swallow three times as many as Americans, twice as many as the Germans: on average, every citizen buys 50 boxes of medicine a year from the chemist. *Le Monde* wondered whether life was so miserable that France had become a nation of "pharmacophiles".

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149,000 Romanian children say 'please.'

"Grey walls, white ceiling, cement floor, no toys, no pictures. Far worse than their sick bodies – unnaturally white, with limbs like sticks, frail trunks topped by huge domed heads – was the noise the children made. It was a click-click-click sound: dry, not loud, like something a big insect might make. It took a while before we realised they were grinding their teeth."

The reporter who wrote these words was describing a Romanian orphanage in 1989, just after the December Revolution.

It could have been yesterday.

Despite news coverage of the convoys of toys, nappies and food, and despite long-term projects by charities like the Romanian Orphanage Trust, less than a fifth of the orphanages have received any aid at all.

There are still children as old as four, neglected since birth, with the mental age of newborn babies. They are unable to laugh, to feed themselves, or even to cry.

There are still children who live, sleep and urinate in iron cots, day after day.

What little attention they have received has been just as quickly withdrawn, leaving them even worse off.

Some who have been confined to their cots for years, with rags tied round their groins to absorb the urine, are developing deformities of the legs or dislocated hips. AIDS is rife, and spreading due to lack of treatment. Most orphanages have no medically trained staff.

Living conditions are deteriorating daily. Many orphanages have no baths, no showers, no kitchens, no heating and no curtains. Because the children are not toilet-trained, money is saved by not installing toilets. Broken windows aren't replaced – the draughts help get rid of the stench.

This colossal disaster has its roots in the country's communist past. To increase the industrial workforce, Romania's dictator required every woman to have five children. Unable to feed their huge families, many parents were forced to give up a baby to be raised by the State. The State, for its part, was happy to place them in institutions which only the very strong would survive.

THE ROMANIAN ORPHANAGE TRUST

No-one knows how many 'orphans' there are. The old government never bothered to count them. The best estimates put the number at around *150,000*.

In other words, there are probably more children under six in the orphanages than in all London's primary schools put together.

The number of mentally ill children alone could replace the population of an English market town.

What are these children doing now? Nothing. They are lying in their cots, just as they always have, waiting for something to be done.

At this rate, children will have died of old age before we can help them – assuming they reach old age.

This is a man-made tragedy. Just as simply, man can put it right again.

£25 pays for a team member to start work in a new orphanage for one day. £500 pays for a whole year's care for one child.

If you can spare time as well as money, that's better still. Use it to organise a fundraising appeal in your workplace or community.

As well as the coupons here, there's a credit card hotline on 071-248 2424.

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ANC draws up plan for armed units to defend townships

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

AMID mounting political violence in black townships, the African National Congress is considering detailed plans to create armed self-defence units under the guidance of guerrillas of its armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

A 29-page booklet envisages a paramilitary organisation with classic command and communication structures, and intelligence units infiltrating "hostile forces". It recommends the purchase of firearms and other weapons for which no licences are required, such as crossbows, and describes how to fight from street barricades.

Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, has supported demands by township residents for protection from armed Zulus loyal to the rival Inkatha Freedom party, and accused the police of siding with Inkatha fighters. Addressing a funeral ceremony at the weekend, he said: "If it is okay for whites to have neighbourhood watches and civilian guards, it should be equally acceptable for blacks to have their own defence units."

The booklet, entitled *For the Sake of our Lives*, says the volunteer units are not intended to be offensive, but Pretoria says they would violate an agreement last year on the suspension of the ANC's armed struggle. The law and order ministry said they were a recipe for civil war.

The ANC said the "discussion paper" had been drawn up by a joint committee of the ANC and Cosatu, the biggest black trade union federation, in consultation with the ANC youth league, and it was being studied by the ANC executive committee. The plan says Umkhonto guerrillas should play a leading role. Township forces would be broken down into platoons and sections responsible for defending individual streets.

"As the first are formed and begin to train and drill in uniform, much excitement and enthusiasm will be generated and the groundswell to join will increase," the booklet says. "The wearing of uniforms, drilling and political education will build the required discipline.

"Volunteers who do not have firearms should at least be equipped with two stout sticks, clubs or iron bars and a homemade shield ... if a few armed volunteers are reinforced by units hurling stones and other missiles, such as petrol bombs, a very strong defence can be put up."

The booklet calls for efforts to win over "hostile forces", but concludes: "Those soldiers and police who persist with their racist brutality will find that when they strike the people they strike rock."

● CAPE TOWN: South Africa freed 41 ANC members from Robben Island prison yesterday in the biggest group release since President de Klerk began to reform apartheid last year. Fewer than a hundred prisoners are left on the island off Cape Town where Mr Mandela spent almost 20 years. *(Reuter)*

Winnie Mandela begins testimony

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN JOHANNESBURG

WINNIE Mandela said yesterday that her home, in which she allegedly assaulted four kidnapped youths, was a refuge for young blacks. Mrs Mandela began giving evidence at her trial in the Rand Supreme Court here as her defence said it would show that she was not at her home when the four were said to have been beaten.

The chief defence lawyer, George Bizos, told the court he would call witnesses to show that Mrs Mandela did not take part in any kidnapping or assault. He would also call witnesses to show there had been homosexual abuse at the Methodist church manse from which the youths were allegedly taken.

Mrs Mandela began by giving details about her background and political work. She spoke about her marriage to Nelson Mandela, deputy president of the African National Congress, and about being prosecuted for anti-apartheid work. She also said that rooms at the back of her home in Soweto were used by youths who were homeless or fleeing from the police for political reasons. "My place was some kind of refuge," she said.

Mrs Mandela, Xoliswa Felati and John Morgan face eight counts of kidnapping and assault. The prosecution alleges that they abducted the four young men in December 1988 and beat them at Mrs Mandela's Soweto home. The state says the four were abducted because they were thought to be homosexuals or police spies. The defendants have all pleaded not guilty.

One of the four youths, Stompie Moeketsi, was later murdered, a crime for which Mrs Mandela's former bodyguard, Jerry Richardson, was convicted last year.

Mrs Mandela arriving at court yesterday

Pupil power greets visitors

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

A CLASS of exceptionally polite ten-year-olds from Gakushuin school, Japan's equivalent of Eton, yesterday gave President Gorbachev a welcome befitting the first visit by a Soviet leader. Each pupil, issued with a Soviet flag and drilled to perfection by their teachers, performed their synchronised waves on cue as the Gorbachev entourage rolled up to Tokyo's state guest house, the Akasaka Palace, the elaborate Versailles look-alike that is home to important guests.

Mr Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa, received a red carpet welcome from Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko as a contingent of Soviet schoolchildren and a delegation of writers and intellectuals, shipped in from Moscow for the week, mustered their own flurry of flags, while Valentin Rasputin, a well-known Soviet writer, stuck a knotted handkerchief on his head to keep off the heat.

The sustained tension over the visit can be traced to two factors: concern over Mr Gorbachev's ability to remain in power and, more immediately, the disputed islands that lie between the two countries, the Kuriles. Taken from the Japanese in the closing days of the second world war the Japanese government believes that they must be returned.

But it is a measure of the importance of the issue that one Soviet official floated the novel idea yesterday that one of the islands might be turned into an enormous nuclear power station, whose output might be shared between them — a recognition of the sensitivity of Japanese to the nuclear issue and the Soviet Far East's need for energy.

Mr Gorbachev spent three hours yesterday afternoon with Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, in talks described as "businesslike and very serious" by a Soviet spokesman and as "frank" by the Japanese. Both leaders agreed that they hoped this week to elevate Soviet-Japanese relations to a new level.

The Soviet president is due to make a speech in the Diet (Japan's parliament) today and address a group of Japanese business leaders. He will also attend two more negotiating sessions with Mr Kaifu.

Detectives swarmed all over Tokyo yesterday and 23,000 policemen were deployed to safeguard the Soviet leader from attacks by extremist groups. There has been a curious meeting of minds between extremist right-wing nationalists, demanding the return of the four islands, and the far left, who accuse Mr Gorbachev of selling out to capitalism. Both groups have threatened attacks on the Soviet president.

A demonstration of 2,500 rightwingers kept police on their toes in a central Tokyo park, but the high level of police surveillance muffled the gangs of klaxon-wielding ultra-nationalists who normally patrol the streets, deafening residents with their anti-Soviet slogans.

Tokyoites, who like most Japanese are generally distrustful of the Soviet Union, seemed to be more impressed by yesterday's security checks and traffic holdups than by the first visit to Japan by a Soviet leader. "I got stuck in a 15-mile tailback because of this," carped one, whose main interest appeared to be the Soviet president's departure date.

Fond embrace: Raisa Gorbachev stops to hug a toddler during a stroll yesterday in Tokyo's fashionable Ginza shopping area. Crowds jostled to catch a glimpse of her

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Gandhi pledges to end discord

Delhi — Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister seeking a comeback in India's May elections, promised yesterday to "heal the wounds" created during the 17 months he has been out of power.

Mr Gandhi, issuing his Congress (I) party's manifesto, promised to erase the "tension and violence" of caste and religious strife that left hundreds of people dead last year. "The country has suffered the worst communal tension, violence and rioting. Never before has independent India found itself in such deadly discord," the manifesto said.

"The most important lesson of this is that the Congress alone is capable of providing stable government at the centre," Mr Gandhi said. Since the election campaign began four weeks ago, the Congress party's prospects have improved. Mr Gandhi says he is confident of winning a majority in parliament. *(AP)*

Rebel captured

Manila — Philippines police have captured Jorge Baviera, a communist rebel leader who helped set up the movement's operational network in Europe, and reported 28 people killed in fighting between security forces and insurgents over the past three days. Eleven police were among those killed. *(Reuter)*

Funds set aside

Hong Kong — The government will set aside about £1 billion to bolster reserves when the British colony reverts to Chinese rule in 1997, local radio reported here. China has expressed fears that a £5.2-billion airport project now under way would seriously erode reserves. *(AFP)*

Caught napping

Bangkok — A London-born woman and her Italian husband held in Thailand on suspicion of involvement in drug trafficking escaped after guards fell asleep and forgot to lock their jail cell. Anne Daniel and Marco Giubilio were arrested last week, allegedly in possession of heroin. *(AFP)*

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An application has been made to the Secretary of State for Education and Science for an Order under Section 78 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975. A copy of the draft Order (whose effect is to modify the will of the late Dr Ernest Henry Cartwright so as to remove the restriction of the benefits of the Cartwright Scholarship to men) may be inspected in the Bursary of Exeter College, Oxford. Any persons wishing to make representations to the Secretary of State regarding the proposed Order may do so by sending them to the Legal Branch, Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH (quoting reference G6263) within one month from the date of which this notice appears.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 21st day of May 1991, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 9th day of April 1991
S. D. SWADEN
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CHOWNE & FRANCIS LIMITED (In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 1.00 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1. A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy.
4. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

Re: Karwins Ltd T/A The Printing Company and The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Woodford Moat House, 30 Oak Hill, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 9NY on Tuesday the 23rd April 1991, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 19th April 1991.
Dated this 28th day of March 1991
D G Hook
Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
KERRY HANDLING LIMITED (In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 1.00 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1. A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy.
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
S & F ELECTRICS (In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 12.30 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1. A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy.
4. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

SITEFORM LIMITED
I, MAURICE RAYMOND DORRINGTON F.I.P.A. of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed liquidator of the above-named Company on the 14th March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated: 11th March 1991
M.R. DORRINGTON F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

TAMAIN GROUP LIMITED
Registered number: 1278886. Nature of business: Property investment. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 5th April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Nigel John Hamilton-Smith and Michael William Young (office holder nos: 2093 and 8077) of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House 47, Holywell Hill St. Albans Herts. AL1 1HD.

IN THE MATTER OF STAGING POST EQUIPMENT HIRE LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of creditors of the above-named company convened under the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and held on 19th March 1991, I Joan Yvonne Venvil of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, was duly appointed Liquidator of the above-named company.
Dated this 21 day of March 1991.

THE WINE BUSINESS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at St Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN on Monday 22nd April 1991 at 12 noon for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act viz:
(a) to have laid before it a statement as to the affairs of the company;
(b) to nominate one of more insolvency practitioners as liquidator or liquidators; and
(c) if thought fit, establish a liquidation committee.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN on 18th and 19th April 1991.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must (unless they are attending in person) lodge their proxies at St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN no later than 12 noon on 19th April 1991.
Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.
DATED this 10th day of April 1991.
S. NEAME
Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
OLIVER WILLIAMS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at The Grange Park Hotel, Willerby, Hull, North Humberside, HU10 6EA, on the 2nd day of May 1991 at 10.00 am for the purpose of receiving a report by the Joint Administrative Receivers, and should the creditors see fit, to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this 12th day of April 1991
R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1. A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy.
4. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge, in accordance with note 1, a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assesses it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

IN THE MATTER OF OCF TRADING LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 14th February 1991 I, David Julian Buchler, of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company by the creditors.
Dated 15th February 1991
D J BUCHLER

MONAMI PRODUCTS LIMITED IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered number: 1998024. Trading name: Monami. Nature of business: Manufacturer of childrens toys. Trade classification: Manufacture. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 10 April 1991. Name of person appointing administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter John Robertson Souster and Peter James Dickerson, office holder no(s): 2688 and 1277) of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BRANDNIGHT LIMITED c/o 84 GROSVENOR STREET LONDON W1X 9DF
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF on Monday 22nd April 1991 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Thursday 18th April 1991 and Friday 19th April 1991.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy at Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12 noon on Friday 19th April 1991. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the meeting.
Dated 9th April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J S BENNETT
Director

THE TIPPER CENTRE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76, New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 7 May 1991 at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm as from 3 May 1991.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 6 May 1991.
Dated 28 March 1991
Alan W Smith
Director

HERONPRINT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above Company will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3JX, on Monday 29 April 1991 at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and the progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the Meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that: he has given to the Administrative Receiver not later than 12 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2)-(7) and, there has been lodged with the Administrative Receiver any proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
A Secured Creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
DM Ghosh
Joint Administrative Receiver
11 April 1991

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GUILDBOURNE PROPERTIES (In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 2.30 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1. A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy.
4. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

ET HERON (PRINT) LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above Company will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3JX, on Monday 29 April 1991 at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and the progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the Meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that: he has given to the Administrative Receiver not later than 12 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2)-(7) and, there has been lodged with the Administrative Receiver any proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
A Secured Creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
DM Ghosh
Joint Administrative Receiver
11 April 1991

GRAFFITI ESSEX LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above Company will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3JX, on Monday 29 April 1991 at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and the progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the Meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that: he has given to the Administrative Receiver not later than 12 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2)-(7) and, there has been lodged with the Administrative Receiver any proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
A Secured Creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
DM Ghosh
Joint Administrative Receiver
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All the bad news that fits

Some human tragedies attract more press coverage than others. Melinda Wittstock reports on the reporting of suffering

Television pictures of starving Kurds scrambling for food have galvanised the British public into charitable action, in much the same way as did the first television pictures of the Ethiopian famine in 1984.

But despite the efforts of international relief agencies to bring the devastating famine in Sudan to the attention of the media during the past nine months, the regime's censorship laws have prevented cameras from covering the news, and there has consequently been little public reaction.

Now that Jonathan Dimbleby has persuaded the Sudanese regime to allow him unprecedented access to the suffering for an *Assignment* programme next Tuesday (7.30pm on BBC2), will the charities have better luck with Sudan?

"*Assignment* may have some impact, but nothing approaching the level of attention given the Ethiopians in 1984 and which is now focused on the Kurds," says Dr Philip Robins, the head of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) study group on the media. "It gets to the point where another famine in Africa becomes boring; people become desensitised to the suffering. The media don't cover it so much because it gets to the point where it ceases to be news; it is a constant," he says.

Often it is simply a matter of the news media's access to a country. When the Syrians slaughtered as many as 30,000 people in Hama in 1982, there was no significant coverage because the cameras were not let in. Strict censorship in Tibet, where as many as 1.2 million people have been killed since China's 1949 invasion, and in East Timor, where another 200,000 have been murdered since Indonesia's 1975 invasion, have prevented either atrocity from sigificantly affecting the public's consciousness.

"It depends where the television cameras are," says Adam Kellett-Long, the international spokesman for the British Red Cross. "Western cameras were in northern Iraqi towns captured by the Kurds, and were in place to record the exodus *once* Saddam's army attacked. But no cameras were in the southern Iraqi towns of Najaf and Karbala to record the Shia revolt and resultant persecution." Meanwhile, most of the news media have left Kuwait to join the Kurdish bandwagon, leaving the fate of many Palestinian Kuwaitis accused of collaborating with Saddam unrecorded.

Heightened public awareness of the Gulf region as a result of the war pushed the plight of the Kurds to the top of the world agenda.

Rupert Pennant-Rea, the editor of *The Economist*, said the only faraway conflicts that attract any media attention are those that involve a world power and have "ripple effects" in geopolitics or the international economy. "There was immeasurably more loss of life during the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, yet that war did not warrant one *Economist* cover. The second Gulf war ended up on the cover most weeks," Mr Pennant-Rea says.

"The personal involvement of the journalists, who have fled Iraq together with the Kurds, experienced at first hand the roughness of the terrain and watched small children die, has led to a heightened sense of the enormous suffering of the Kurds," Dr Robins says.

But at what point do people reach a stage of "compassion fatigue"? "Most big stories can hold the attention of the public for at least two to three weeks, unless the situation is constantly changing, and then much longer," says Mr Kellett-Long.

However, he adds, money continues to flood in to charities long after the television cameras have stopped rolling. Charles Stewart-Smith, a senior producer of ITN's *News At Ten*, who is also a trustee of the Romanian Orphanage Trust, says donations are still arriving, more than a year after the pictures of maltreated Romanian children were shown.

"The public's response seems to depend on whether the problem is perceived as soluble or not," he says. "The Romanian problem can be solved, but there is a perception that the Sudanese famine cannot. It's difficult to know whether the Kurdish problem will ever be solved," he said.

The news coverage is different, the anguish the same: (left) children in the Sudan, and (right) a Kurdish refugee

Editors in a huff over puffs

Is it unethical for journalists to be paid by PR companies to place articles?

THE lines between public relations and journalism are usually sharply drawn. If journalists expected to be paid for mentioning companies in print, they would be compromising their independence as well as that of the publication already paying them. But anecdotal evidence suggests a blurring of the distinctions among some companies and their public relations advisors.

In a letter mailed to freelance journalists headed "There's work out there!", Sheridan Public Relations Consultants has said it has been retained by a personal computer company "to commission freelancers to place articles in its target vertical market press".

"If you think you can place a technology-related article in any of the attached, please give me a call," wrote Sheridan's London manager, Sarah Beech, enclosing a list of 91 "target end-user publications" ranging from the *Bookseller* to *Vending International*. "Our fees for freelancers are in line with NUJ [National Union of Journalists] rates," she added.

Ms Beech says that an article placed at her suggestion by a freelance would have to mention the client computer company and preferably focus on one of its applications. "We are looking for third-party credibility. The whole purpose of it is to generate sales."

Ms Beech says she would not expect to talk to the editors, but envisages that a freelance who writes regularly for one of these publications would sound them out.

Ms Beech says she would never use this approach with national newspapers, and denies it is unethical. She also denies that the journalist would be paid by both the magazine and her company.

"One either does one or the other, never both; that is one of the golden rules," she says.

Roger Haywood, the president of the Institute of Public Relations (IPR), calls Sheridan's letter "unsatisfactory". He says that PRs have a right to talk to publications and submit articles, but that everyone concerned should know the full background.

Mr Haywood notes that the IPR's code of conduct bars members from any practice which tends to corrupt the integrity of the media, a process which he defines as putting information into a communications channel promoting something without declaring the source.

Some of the magazines on the list were unhappy about being targeted. Michael Blanden, the deputy editor of *The Banker*, says: "We do not take puffs."

Mary Heaney, the features editor of *The Lawyer*, says the paper will be on watch. "If a freelance offers an article you don't think there is a PR behind it," she says.

BARBARA ELLIS

MEDIA WATCH

Cutback radio

ANY suggestions that LBC, the London talk radio station, is on the verge of collapse, have been strenuously denied by Crown Communications, its debt-ridden parent. LBC employees, locked in a battle with management over redundancies, have complained bitterly about Crown's policy of paying six-figure fees to personalities such as Angela Rippon, Michael Parkinson and Mike Carlton, the afternoon presenter, when the station is so far in the red. Such fees were justified by the Crown management as the best way of increasing audience reach, but the policy has had little effect so far. Carlton, a multimedia star in Australia, has so far managed to attract only 45,000 listeners each afternoon, according to Crown figures. Kevin Murphy, the news editor, says there is "much disquiet" at the station, particularly given reports of losses of £250,000 a month. A Crown spokesman denied the losses are that high and said the redundancies would ensure the station reaches break-even by September. Management and unions are meeting today with Acas, the conciliation body, to discuss the dispute over redundancies of both LBC and IRN employees.

Bad news

THE BBC's plan to shed 104 news and current affairs jobs this year as part of a plan to save £75 million a year by 1993, comes just days after Michael Checkland, the director-general, rejected as "totally unrealistic" union demands for a 21 per cent pay rise. New working conditions, under which 30 allowances will be scrapped in favour of an across-the-board 5 per cent pay rise, will be imposed on October 1. The BBC has denied the job cuts are linked to its proposed new working conditions.

Checkland: rejected claim

Guardian anger

STAFF of *The Guardian*, which late last year imposed a 12-month wage freeze, are to hold a strike ballot next Wednesday following the breakdown of conciliation talks last Friday between management, the union and Acas. Two years ago, *Guardian* employees came within ten minutes of strike action over a pay dispute.

Ads boost

CONSUMER magazines will be the fastest-growing medium next year, the Advertising Association has forecast. Advertising in consumer magazines will see a year-on-year real increase of 12.3 per cent, compared with an overall increase of 8.7 per cent in the British advertising spend as a whole. The association forecasts that consumer magazines will account for more than £525 million.

FT reaches Sky-wards

SKY News has linked with the *Financial Times* to strengthen its business news reports. Sky, which already broadcasts its own *International Business Report* each weeknight, will tomorrow launch *Financial Times Business Weekly*. Produced by FTTV, which already sells its weekly programme throughout Europe, North America and Asia, the new programme will provide a "comprehensive" briefing on business issues, with comment and analysis from leading European industrialists, financiers, politicians and civil servants each Thursday night at 8.30, with a repeat on Sundays at 9.30am.

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CREATIVE, MEDIA & MARKETING APPOINTMENTS

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Spending more time with the family

The modern married executive puts spouse and children first. Victoria McKee discovers why the sacrifice of private life for promotion has become a bad career move

PETER TREVNOR

Christopher Bain (left) and Andrew Plume: "You have to be more intense about the time you spend at work but you make more time for outside interests," they say

Last week *Time* magazine noted how many Americans were "rejecting the rat race to spend more time with their families" – citing as the most notable example of the trend the "retirement" of 46-year-old Peter Lynch, who "built the largest stock mutual fund in the country, worth $13 billion" but felt he hardly knew his children. Now he has learnt how to pack school lunches. "The backyard", *Time* suggests, "now has more appeal than the boardroom."

This week the results of a British survey of executives in leading European companies showed that almost a quarter were considering leaving the boardroom to spend more time with their families. Professor Cary Cooper of the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), who together with Valerie Sutherland, a lecturer in organisational psychology at the university, initiated and analysed the survey, conducted last year, of 118 chief executives (which included two women and 75 British men) says there has been a dramatic mood shift.

"I put the same questions to the 143 British chief executives who took part in a 1984 survey and then only 22 per cent said that the job interfering with family life was a problem. Now nearly 50 per cent of the British executives do."

Professor Cooper's study of European executives in 1984 found that most of them worked either "always" or "frequently" over the weekend – except for the Germans. "They worked less than anybody else at the weekend, had the most outside interests and yet their country was the most efficient," he says. "If an executive is a good time-manager he should be able to manage during a five-day week, and be brave enough to say, 'I can't function on less than six hours' sleep a night, and I need time with my family'.

"Forty-year-olds now want to spend more time with their families than those who set the pace in their fifties and sixties. They have seen too many older colleagues burnt out or having heart attacks, and they have a healthier attitude to work which is going to make their companies healthier."

The new attitude among chief executives of the baby boom generation is being echoed by their junior colleagues, those in their twenties who have been dubbed "the baby busters" by *Fortune* magazine and described as "nothing at all like the workaholic yuppies who preceded them". They "have been known to turn down big promotions or to acquire clout and then give it all up for leisure", reported the international business magazine, which called them "the employees who can afford to say No because the job-odds are in their favour" and "yiffies" – for "young, individualistic, freedom-minded, and few".

Fortune cautioned that "you might want to laugh derisively the first time one of your youngest subordinates tells you he intends to work a mere 40-hour week so he can go scuba diving and learn a non-Indo-European tongue. But don't complain, then, when you can't seem to find another competent molecular biologist or quality-control specialist."

> *'Holidays help me to come back to work able to do a better job'*

In Britain Christopher Bain, a 29-year-old advertising copywriter with Park Advertising, exemplifies the new mood. "I spent the Eighties trying to further my own career, and then I began to ask: 'Why am I doing this and who am I doing this for?' " Mr Bain says. "Towards the end of the Eighties I began gearing everything towards retiring at the age of 50, and I started my first pension when I was 25. I know my priorities are totally different from my father's – and from my own ten years ago."

His father, Nigel Bain, the recently-retired head of communications with the Institute of Personnel Management, is amazed at how much time his son manages to take off to play golf.

"I think there's a clash of culture with people of my father's generation," his son says. "Every day more redundancies are announced, so you have to be more intense about the time you spend at work – fool around less, have fewer long lunches – but you make more time for outside interests. And I don't have a single female friend who doesn't work full-time, so nobody has the sort of support that the men who were sole breadwinners, like my father, used to expect."

Andrew Plume, aged 25, who also works in advertising, decided he would retire at 40 "when I was still at school", he says. "Not necessarily retire, but take it easy – be open to new opportunities, such as travelling. Last year I took five holidays – I did a lot of skiing. I don't look on it as skiving. Holidays help me to come back to work able to do a better job."

Paula Shea, a former analyst with a stockbroking firm, wanted to "get out", she claims, before she was made redundant at the end of the Eighties. "I was fed up with 12 and 14-hour days," says Ms Shea, who started her own consultancy and found she was able "to see my friends, entertain, and do a course in advanced French, which I could not have done before".

Martin Duffell, aged 53 and the head of management recruitment for Unilever, entered into the new age spirit before it was fashionable. When he was in his early forties he took a 50 per cent salary cut and left his position as sales controller of the multi-national company "to go to a job that didn't require a 55-60 hour week – as a sales manager in Devon". With the wholehearted support of his family, he did his M.Phil. part-time at Exeter university. Now, back in head office, he is working on a Ph.D. in comparative linguistics. He says he will never go back to his old way of working.

Amanda Walker, aged 33, a former chartered accountant who "fast-tracked" her way into a senior post with a large insurance company, says that her decision to have a baby may have reflected a changing perspective. "It's not that I've become less ambitious," says Mrs Walker, who is now the financial development manager for Kent County Council. "I'm anxious to get a promotion – but I'm delighted to say my employer's attitude is that if you're committed and conscientious there's no need to work the sort of ridiculously long hours I used to. They want people to be fresh."

Christine McNulty, the managing director of Applied Futures, a British company which predicts social and corporate change, thinks there are two types of "inner-directed" people who are both at the leading edge of the future. "There are those who find work so enjoyable that they cannot separate it from leisure – and those who find fulfilment in activites outside their main job," she says. "We anticipate growth in both of these sorts of inner-directeds over the next decade. One will never want to retire and the other will want to retire early because they have so many other interests to pursue.

"It is the workaholics who are motivated by money, power or security – that is, the 'outer-directed' or 'sustenance driven' work slaves – who are on the way out."

In America, Faith Popcorn, the "futurist" who coined the concept of "cocooning", has already predicted what will be the most valuable commodity in the Nineties: time.

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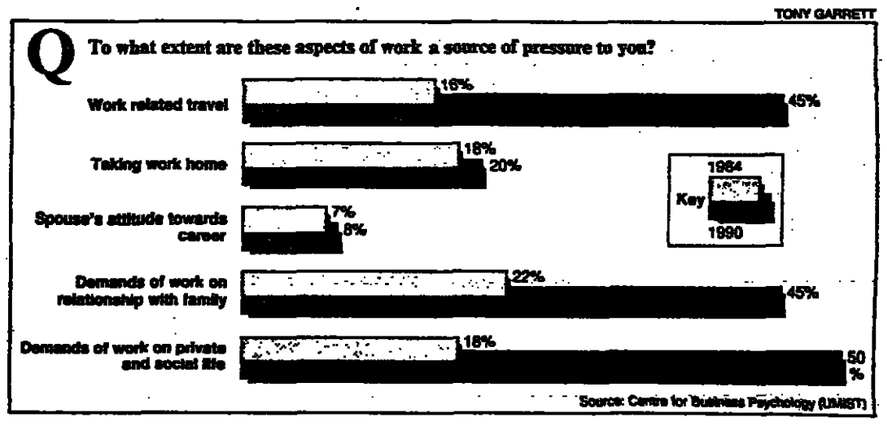

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A crash course in disaster

Volunteers singed their clothes and overacted shamelessly during a simulated catastrophe in Manchester

The Sunday before last I was lying in damp grass in the Bollin Valley with 10 per cent burns to my left arm, some minor facial cuts, my son similarly burnt and my husband dead, and surrounded by screaming people, wreckage and smoke. Our Boeing 737, flight LH999 from Frankfurt to Manchester, had collided with a light aircraft.

This crash was not reported in the press or on television, however. It was a simulated disaster, codenamed operation April Diamond. Manchester airport runs regular "disasters" to test its emergency response and the communication and coordination problems that can arise when several emergency services work together. Many people in Manchester have vivid memories of the 1985 British Airtours disaster, when a Boeing 737 caught fire on the runway, killing 55 people.

The simulation started at 1pm but the organisation and planning had started weeks earlier. Mike Brundrett, the support services manager at Manchester airport, had been ordered to find 90 victims, and to keep the exercise confidential.

Victims had been asked to bring appropriately burnt clothing and told that we could choose which area of the body to have burnt but to "avoid hairy areas as these are difficult to make up". Not having a wardrobe which included burnt clothing, obviously a fashion craze I missed, I singed an old sweater on the left arm as I knew I would need my right "unburnt" to make notes.

Victims arrived to be made up and briefed at the Excelsior hotel, the most severely "injured" at 07.30. When I arrived, two hours later, I was approached by a seemingly horribly burnt man, whose face, hands and torso were glistening. He was quite jovial and discussed with his colleague, who had a nasty facial gash, how best to make up my arm. Some foul-smelling spray was applied, then lumps of red putty-like substances, followed by dark brown boot polish for the charring effect. It was then sprayed again for a realistically moist look. I was told to come back later for my face make-up as it might "run" during the break.

Over coffee the imaginary injuries began to seem real. Some people even began to limp. I nudged someone, who winced with pain, and a man with a burnt hand asked me to put the sugar in his coffee.

Phil Baker, Manchester airport's duty manager, briefed us about the simulation. An old and slightly damaged Islander aircraft, with victims inside, would be used. The exercise would start with an explosion preceded by a whistle, so we were told to cover our ears. Foam would be sprayed and a second explosion would occur. It would also be more realistic, we were told, if when we got into an ambulance we did not sit bolt upright and say, "That's that then", but carried on acting until arriving at the hospital.

On the way to the accident scene we passed tanned holidaymakers who looked startled to see five coaches of injured people pass by as they waited for taxis.

At the crash site we took up positions in the field on the far side of the river. The ground and trees around the wrecked aircraft were strewn with luggage and clothing.

With the exercise so close to starting there was an attack of nervous giggles. People practised moaning and screaming, but seemed self-conscious and shouted things such as: "Where's the rest of my pyjamas?" The area was also teeming with people taking photos and videos. Firemen, acting as observers and umpires, could tell people to die if help did not arrive fast enough.

Fine acting: emergency crews coordinate services and tend "victims"

I decided that lying down the bank with my head towards the river and left leg around a tree would give me the entry into films I had always wanted. We could hear the countdown and were all looking at our watches when the paraffin fire on the bridge was lit. Suddenly there was a loud explosion, a lot of smoke and people started screaming. Lying on the bank, now unable to move because of a severe cramp in my left leg, I watched my seven-year-old son cross the bridge shouting for his mummy and daddy. This was definitely the boost I needed and I started shouting for my husband (one of those designated dead). It seemed ages before anyone came and then two firemen appeared and lifted me up. If that was caught on video, the cries of pain from the cramp were real.

I was taken to Withington hospital, one of five on standby since the explosion. An enthusiastic ambulance crew member cut off not only the sleeve of my jumper but also that of my T-shirt, and my arm was wrapped in cold, wet bandages. I paled at the sight of an intravenous drip, but this was just taped on. I also had some oxygen, as I was still coughing from the smoke inhalation and from faking a cough for so long.

The arrival at the hospital went smoothly. A member of Smart (South Manchester Accident Rescue Team) took me to casualty, but I felt he was not taking the exercise too seriously when, instead of turning the wheelchair around, he asked me to kick the doors open.

As time passed more victims arrived, most in states of greater undress than last seen, as much burnt clothing had been cut away. When the exercise was over, we returned to the hotel for a meal, during which we swapped stories. One over-enthusiastic first-aider had put an airway down someone's throat.

The hard work may have ended for us when we were handed our souvenir sweatshirts, but the analysis of the exercise will go on for weeks. There will be endless meetings, discussing photos, timing and comments and notes made by the umpires. Each emergency service will have to look carefully at its performance. What could we do better next time? And there will be a next time. Next year another practice, but maybe tomorrow the real thing.

LOUISE SMAIL

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BT wires uncrossed

TO EASE the shock of the new directory enquiry charges British Telecom decided to dispense additional directories for adjacent areas to customers shrewd enough to ask for them, as reported here last week. However, being inundated by requests has apparently made it necessary for more local phonebook managers to take a stricter line on giveaways. "While officially we only give one additional directory free of charge, if our local people in the goodness of their hearts want to do more we don't discourage it," says Bob Raggett, the deputy director of corporate relations for BT. "But each case is looked at individually." Phonebook managers are understandably tougher on London residents, who get as standard the regional set of three directories. Technically they are only able to request, free, an adjacent community book. But subscribers in outer London areas, who already get their community book, should know that they can also request an adjacent community book free, plus the entire London postal area set. BT points out that additional directories can also be purchased for £6 each, using the order form at the back of the phonebook.

Ms hit

THE April issue of the American magazine *Working Woman* reports on a study by the University of Toronto which would seem to indicate that whether you call yourself Ms, Mrs or Miss at work affects how others think of you. Women using Ms were seen by other professionals of both sexes as "motivated, responsible, competent, in charge". Women who opted for either of the others "were rated as warmer and more likeable but less managerial".

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SEPTEMBER 29, 1955, was quite a night at the Staatsoper in West Berlin. The Scala company was visiting and playing Lucia di Lammermoor. Herbert von Karajan conducted and Maria Callas took the title role. Fortunately a team of recording engineers had the wit to be on the spot too. The results have been commercially available for some time, but only now with the re-mastering of the tapes by EMI do the heights scaled that evening become clear.

Donizetti was never at the top of the list of Karajan's most favoured composers, but he treats *Lucia* as dark melodrama from the first baleful roll of drums. This is no piece of operatic frippery with the soprano going spectacularly bananas, but a tale of fell deeds in which practically all concerned come to nasty ends. The Scala did not bring its own orchestra, but for Karajan the RIAS Symphony play as if they had walked straight out of the Milan pit.

Karajan's greatest achievement, though, is to make his singers perform at their peak and even a bit above it. Giuseppe di Stefano as Edgardo, spurred on rather than daunted by the applause greeting Callas at the end of the Mad Scene, has rarely sung with more passion than in the

Callas: astonishing variety

final act where the tenor has to carry everything. Rolando Panerai, the Enrico, has a fine snarl to his voice and gives the crucial confrontation with his sister, Lucia, unusual menace.

Then there is Callas herself. She recorded *Lucia* in the studios twice, both before and after the Berlin performance. Neither has the emotional impact Karajan drew from her that September night, with her soprano carrying more colours of the vocal rainbow than Donizetti could ever have dreamed of.

Earlier in that summer of 1955 another Callas performance had been recorded in the theatre for commercial issue: the opening night of La traviata in Luchino Visconti's production at La Scala. There are remarkable qualities in this Callas Violetta, notably the moral debate with Giorgio Germont in Act II and the sudden horror of approaching death at the close, but she was still making her way towards her final portrayal of Verdi's heroine. The remastered *Traviata* has its moments, but it cannot match the *Lucia* and patches of muddy and badly balanced sound, especially towards the close, have defeated the technical wizards.

JOHN HIGGINS

Singer Jim Morrison (Val Kilmer) imagines that an Indian spirit (Floyd Westerman) is present on stage during a performance in *The Doors*

CINEMA

A Door left slightly ajar

Oliver Stone's film *The Doors*, centred on Jim Morrison, opens next week. Steve Turner argues that for rock stars there may be life after death, but not before the cameras

The life of a rock star should be perfect material for a successful film. For one thing, it brings a ready-made audience: the age-group that buys records also fills cinema seats. Then there is the music, the sex, the glamour, the excess and, usually, a bit of violence.

Yet rock biopics are deadly affairs. They usually trace the predictable course from bedroom guitar twanging to tragic early death with maximum cliché and minimum character development.

Jim Morrison, for instance, singer with The Doors, is being sold to the educated classes as "a proponent of shamanism and mysticism" by Oliver Stone, the director of *The Doors*. But in practice this means that, though Morrison stumbles from one end of the film to the other in an orgy of spite and self-indulgence, there are supplementary cutaway shots of the covers of "meaningful" books and the faces of serene American Indians whose spirits the singer supposedly believed had possessed him.

Morrison's fraught relationship with his parents, which certainly had more to do with his bizarre morality than Indian spirits, is hinted at but not explored. That leaves Morrison as a two-dimensional, filthy-mouthed rock star who could not handle fame: just the sort of person our mums and dads always told us that rock stars were.

The problem with rock biopics is that they do not set out to explore a dilemma: they reconstruct events that will be very familiar to most viewers

The problem with rock biopics is that they do not set out to explore a dilemma: they simply reconstruct events that, unfortunately, will be very familiar to most viewers. Good drama should begin with a question or a tension in the plot that the subsequent story resolves in an emotionally satisfying way. Without a resolution, the audience is not gripped.

But the only question that can kick off a traditional rock biopic is "Will Johnny get a recording contract and then have a hit single?" We already know the answer to that. The second and final question is, "Does Johnny have the moral fibre to resist the temptations that fame and fortune will inevitably bring?" We know the answer to that, too.

Overfamiliarity with the lives in question has already removed most of the surprise element. When, in *Great Balls of Fire*, Jerry Lee Lewis meets Elvis Presley's producer Sam Phillips the audience knows that big things are about to happen. Likewise, in *The Doors*, when guitar player Robby Kreiger pulls from his pocket the lyric of a song he has written about lighting someone's fire, we do not chew our fingernails under the suspense of pondering its fate.

The biggest surprises in rock biopics are the incidents that almost certainly did not happen, such as the friction between Buddy Holly and his parents in *The Buddy Holly Story*, or the scene in *The Doors* where Morrison is shown locking his girlfriend in a bedroom wardrobe and setting it on fire. Drug taking, which can be made to seem titillating in print, is as exciting to watch on a screen as breakfast. Presumably this is why Oliver Stone spices up the action in *The Doors* by inventing a desert scene in which all four members of the group swallow LSD and see picturesque visions.

Jerry Hopkins, co-author of the Morrison biography *No One Here Gets Out Alive*, claims that when he read a shooting script of *The Doors* he was "appalled by the liberties Stone had taken with both character and chronology". Stone reportedly explained to him that as a film-maker he needed to tell "small lies in order to reveal larger truths".

Roughly the same explanation was given by the director Luis Valdez after his portrayal of Ritchie Valens in *La Bamba* was condemned by the late singer's family. "You could do a documentary of Ritchie Valens' life," Valdez said by way of justification, "but that would not give you the real Ritchie."

The best rock biopic so far has been the one that looked most unlikely to succeed: Alex Cox's *Sid and Nancy*, which was based on the final days of the Sex Pistol, Sid Vicious, and his girlfriend Nancy Spungen. It seemed unlikely material not only because Vicious was the least talented member of a very short-lived group but because he had not been dead long enough to become a fully fledged legend. But Cox did not use *Sid and Nancy* to promote the myth of rock and rebellion or to catalogue the steps to stardom, but to study a relationship of mutual dependency and destruction. Vicious's life as a "rock star" was introduced only when it helped to make clear the main theme. That left the film blessedly free of such staples as excited agents offering deals and progress reports on chart positions. It is the absence of such a theme that spoils the chances of most rock biopics. The search for fame and the maintaining of a grasp on success rarely makes for a satisfying complexity of characterisation, plot or subtext.

Perhaps because the garnering of a ready-made audience of fans is so easy, film-makers continue to plan biopics of dead rock stars. Jimi Hendrix has been high on the list for a long time, with Prince reportedly interested in playing the role. Screenplays are being written about Bob Marley and Otis Redding. *I Got a Name*, a film about the singer-songwriter Jim Croce, who wrote "Time in a Bottle", "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown" and "You Don't Mess Around with Jim", has already been cast.

I can wait. The idea that rock music inherently makes for gripping cinema, or is fascinating in its minutiae, may simply be misguided. Remember the observation made by Truman Capote when he was asked by Andy Warhol why he had been unable to write a commissioned feature for *Rolling Stone* magazine, after being sent on the Rolling Stones' 1972 tour of America. Capote had partied with Jagger and Richards, been granted backstage access and flown on the group's private jet, but he returned to New York uninspired. "It had no mystery to it," he explained. "It couldn't make my imagination expand into trying to find out something . . . Yes, there is material, but it's just that: material. It doesn't have any echo. All that it is, is a little series of anecdotes that amounts to a form of gossip. Where is the meaning in that? Where is the art?"

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Theatre, Rock and Musicals

ARTS FUNDING

Case for capital punishment?

Harry Eyres on an unknown committee that is diminishing London's cultural life

The future of many London arts organisations could be decided today by a little-known funding body, meeting to set a budget that puts arts funding at the bottom of its agenda. Few theatregoers may have heard of the London Boroughs Grants Committee (LBGC), yet it has the power to determine which theatres thrive. Within a year, the Almeida Theatre, the Photographers' Gallery, the London International Festival of Theatre, the London Film Festival, the King's Head Theatre Club and the Greenwich Theatre could disappear because the LBGC is no longer prepared, or able, to fund them.

The LBGC was set up in 1986 following the abolition of the Greater London Council, when the responsibility for arts funding in the capital was spread among the borough councils and two other bodies. The larger part of the GLC's arts budget was rerouted via Greater London Arts, the body that administers the Arts Council's provision for the capital (at present £9.2 million). The LBGC, with all 32 London boroughs as members, was created as a mechanism for distributing the money allocated by borough councils to support London-wide voluntary organisations, such as shelters for the homeless, as well as supporting the arts.

One answer is the restoration of a single authority

This hastily stitched-together package held for four years. But now it is, according to LBGC director Gerald Oppenheim, "coming apart at the seams".

Two weeks into the new financial year, the LBGC has been unable to agree its 1991-92 budget: this requires a two-thirds majority. The current LBGC is hung with 14 Tories, 14 Labour and four Liberal Democrats. As no party has ever controlled two-thirds of the London boroughs, a stalemate is almost inevitable.

Last year's total budget was £30 million, of which £3 million went to the arts. The problem this year is a disagreement over £1 million, the difference between the Labour and Liberal Democrat proposal of £29 million and the Tories' proposal of £28 million.

While the two sides argue, voluntary organisations are issuing redundancy notices in the absence of funds which cannot be released until the budget is agreed.

However, it is cuts already agreed by the LBGC which have caused the present trouble. The Almeida Theatre, one of the most successful fringe venues in London, has lost its entire grant (£52,812 last year). Jonathan Kent, Almeida co-director, says the theatre's future now is in doubt, the victim of what he calls "local political in-fighting". The Greenwich Theatre has also lost its LBGC grant, expected to be around £45,000. The London International Festival of Theatre (LIFT), which starts in June, will be the last one supported by the LBGC, which provides 35 per cent of LIFT's funding. Serge Lourie, the Liberal chairman of the LBGC, says: "Clearly the arts will come under threat in the budget. We are dealing with poverty at the extreme end of the scale and there is not enough money for that. We have tried hard to preserve the arts but there simply isn't enough money."

In the individual London boroughs, many arts projects are fighting for their lives. Haringey Council recently cut its arts budget; Wandsworth has withdrawn its support for the Tara Arts Group, one of the foremost ethnic theatre companies in London. Yet charge-capped authorities such as Brent, Greenwich and Hackney have managed to increase arts funding.

At a local level, the arts are at the bottom of the heap. If a theatre is perceived as competing for funds with meals-on-wheels, it will lose every time.

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Helping hands

AMONG the many delights being exhibited in Art London 91 at Olympia this week will be the first fruits of a National Art Collections Fund scheme to encourage museums and galleries to buy contemporary works. Under the scheme, museums and galleries choose works costing under £10,000. If the choice is accepted, the NACF finds 50 per cent of the price from its modern art fund, that was set up two years ago and is now worth £350,000, and a further 15 per cent comes from the Baring Foundation (the sponsor of the scheme) and public contributions. So far seven works have been bought, including sculptures by Bernard Meadows and Andy Goldsworthy and paintings by David Hockney and Len Tabner.

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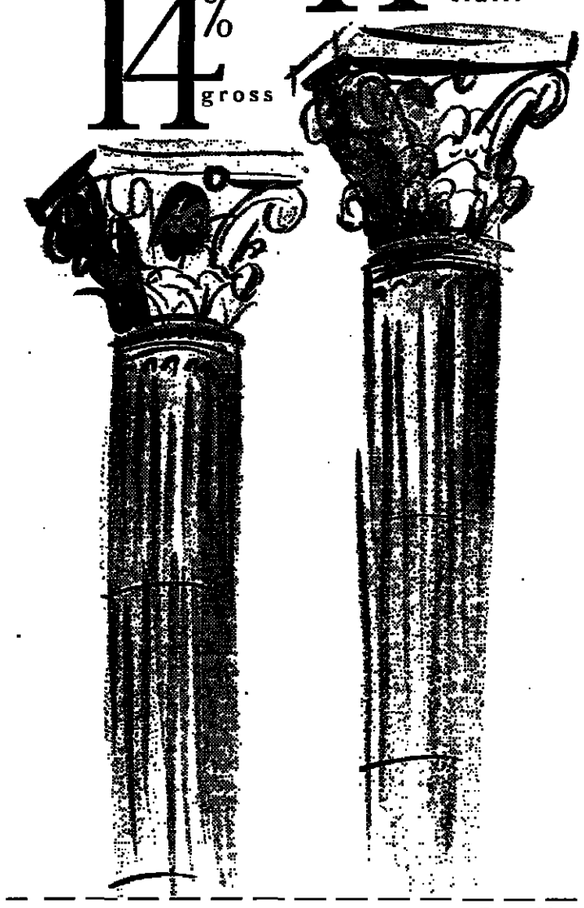

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Mary Ann Sieghart warns the prime minister against paranoia over *Panorama*

Major should be proud, not piqued

Some people, when reading political biographies, jump straight to the chapter chronicling a politician's entry into Parliament. They see no reason to wade through the early days: parents, school, university.

More fools they. Nothing is more revealing than a public figure's childhood. "The childhood shows the man, As morning shows the day," wrote Milton. Yet Conservative critics of the BBC *Panorama* programme about John Major on Monday night act as if the journalists concerned had no right to investigate the prime minister's past.

Some aspects of anybody's private life should stay out of the public domain. Children of public figures should be left alone; they did not choose their parents. Politicians' sex lives should be their own business, providing they are within the law, and are neither prey to blackmail nor indulging in blatant hypocrisy proclaiming the virtues of family values in the House of Commons chamber, perhaps, while conducting an extra-marital affair with a researcher next door.

But people's upbringing is bound to play a critical role in the formation of their values and beliefs. Margaret Thatcher never ceased to boast of the influence of hers. (Yet, significantly, she left her mother out of her *Who's Who* entry.) Being a grocer's daughter taught her the merits of good housekeeping; the uprightness of her father, Alderman Roberts, left her with a conviction of the importance of probity in public life.

Edward Heath, by contrast, seemed resolved to reject his past. He spent most of his adolescence and early adulthood constructing a new, establishment personality. Thereafter, he rarely spoke about his origins. While Mrs Thatcher was proud not to have joined the establishment, Mr Heath must have seen his humble background as an obstacle to doing so.

Why then is John Major so concerned to keep his early life private? Unlike Mr Heath, he shows no signs of wanting to pretend to belong to a different class. He has not changed his accent or bought a Georgian house. Indeed, he made great play during the Conservative leadership campaign of his classlessness, by which he meant that he, unlike his opponents, had known poverty and underprivilege. To that extent, he has made his own childhood a political issue.

Anthony Storr, the psychiatrist, found in Winston Churchill's childhood many clues to the politician that he became. In his book of essays, *Churchill's Black Dog and Other Phenomena of the Human Mind*, he writes: "Churchill, in spite of his aristocratic birth and social position, started life with disadvantages which he never wholly conquered, although his whole career was an effort to overcome them. Without these disadvantages he would have been a happier, more ordinary, better-balanced, and lesser human being. But had he been a stable and equable man, he could never have inspired the nation."

Academic failure who could have been a drop-out, but succeeded by his own resolve

Dr Storr traces Churchill's ambition back to emotional deprivation in childhood, and his physical courage back to a determination to compensate for his early puniness. But Churchill at least had the self-esteem that followed almost automatically from his pedigree. As Martin Gilbert's new biography points out, Churchill had the confidence to enjoy painting himself as more of a failure at school than he actually had been.

Mr Major, by contrast, seems to be so ashamed of his academic career that he rang his school to ask that its records on him be kept secret. What does he have to hide? If he either took no O levels there, or failed the ones he took, having later made up for this through correspondence courses can only reflect well on him. Assuming that he has nothing really damaging to hide — such as cheating — his oversensitivity about his teenage years must be a reflection of how painful those memories still are.

It is bad enough for four adults to be crammed into two rooms in Brixton with a lavatory three floors down and a stove on the landing. It must have been worse for Mr Major to experience such poverty when he had been used to a comfortable, suburban life. Add to that a bedridden and seriously ill father in one of the two rooms, and it is not surprising that the young John Major was difficult and unenthusiastic at school.

When he subsequently spent nine months on the dole, failing even to win a job as a bus conductor, he must have thought that he was continuing the decline started by the collapse of his father's business. Yet his success in pulling himself together, combining a banking job with study in the evenings, makes him an infinitely more interesting and impressive character than those of his colleagues who sailed through Eton and Oxford.

Both his abhorrence of racism and his compassion for the underprivileged can be traced back to these days. Brixton then, as now, was a magnet for Commonwealth immigrants. Mr Major grew up alongside them. Mrs Thatcher was proud of managing to escape from Grantham and achieve her ambitions, and impatient of those who failed to do so. Mr Major, by contrast, empathises with those who sink into unemployment or poverty and feel unable to lever themselves out.

The only potentially damaging ingredient in the *Panorama* programme was the suggestion that Mr Major was not living in Lambeth when he was elected councillor in what he thought was an unwinnable seat (though he moved there within weeks of his victory). The prime minister yesterday denied that this was true.

The BBC's evidence was not strong. And if a team of investigators, raking over Mr Major's life, could come up with no worse an allegation than this, a relatively trivial transgression that happened (if it did) a quarter of a century ago, both the prime minister and his party need not fear. In fact, it is time they both grew another layer of skin.

What the programme exposed was a man who could have declined into an unemployed depressive living on the margins of society. Instead he has the most powerful job in the land and is living in Downing Street. To have overcome adversity in such a remarkable way must surely be a better qualification for becoming prime minister than any number of O levels.

Keeping prices under the roof

Martin Jacques

There is something absurd and irrational about a housing market organised like a rollercoaster. The damaging house price frenzy of 1987-8 looms large in the collective memory. Yet despite the fall in interest rates, a new price surge seems unlikely, not least because there is an enormous backlog of property on the market.

We do not want another surge. In the 1980s, rising prices persuaded many council tenants to buy their homes. But the price slump at the end of the decade vividly revealed the drawbacks of home ownership: many people who bought just before the fall now find themselves with property worth less than their mortgages. For more than two years it has been extremely difficult to move house, especially in the south. High prices and high interest rates together have seen some young homeowners spending half their incomes on housing.

The problem is not only one of personal misfortune. There are also powerful macro-economic arguments about the adverse effects of chaos in the housing market on the economy. With financial deregulation, many people used their houses to get their hands on money, which was then spent on consumer goods rather than house purchases. An explosion of credit resulted.

But the negative effects of the state of the housing market extend still further. The difference in house prices between north and south restricts labour mobility, so perpetuating regional differences. The demand for mortgages also pushes up interest rates, thus starving industry of capital.

The trade unions were widely held to be responsible for the inflation of the 1970s. So they became a suitable case for political treatment in the 1980s. Could it be that with housing-linked asset-inflation as the main engine of inflation in the late 1980s, a similar fate will befall the housing market in the 1990s?

The parallels are beguiling. Trade unionists then numbered over 10 million; there are now 15 million owner-occupied households. Trade unions were regarded as untouchable, so now are homeowners. Reform of the unions had a profound impact on the state of the labour market; reform of the housing market would have an even bigger effect on the economy.

There is one difference. The argument against the unions was well-rehearsed before Mrs Thatcher came to power, but outside intellectual circles, there has been very little argument against mortgage tax-relief and the whole question of home-ownership.

So what chance is there of reform? In his budget speech, Norman Lamont inveighed against the iniquities of a house-price spiral, and declared an end to mortgage relief for higher-rate taxpayers. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor of the Bank of England, recently aired the possibility of credit controls on mortgage lending. And it is worth remembering that, if the ceiling on mortgage relief had risen as fast as inflation since its introduction in 1974, it would now be £125,000, not £30,000. These are small but encouraging signs. Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism will also help: this external constraint will oblige us to introduce stringent restrictions on lending.

But full-blooded reform of the housing market is what is really required. Mortgage relief should be limited to ten years or less, and mortgages should be advanced only against a large down-payment. Meanwhile, the rented sector needs encouragement. Given the variety of people's needs at different stages of their lives, it is absurd that we have only one really robust form of tenure. On yet another issue we are the odd man out in Europe.

The obstacles to change are formidable. Homeowners are a large and powerful interest group. The Conservative party has made home-ownership central to its appeal since the 1950s. Much of Mrs Thatcher's political success was built on the foundations of the popular sale of council houses. But that era has ended. It is time to treat houses rationally, despite the ancient appeal to the Englishman of his castle. Which party will tackle the problem?

Bush, classroom warrior

Peter Stothard, US editor, reports on a new crusade to rout the ignorance endemic in American schools

When President Bush wanted to appear close to the American people after the liberation of Kuwait, he proudly reminded them that they had been ready to sacrifice their lives for a country of whose whereabouts and very existence most had previously known nothing. Unwittingly he had hit upon the object of his next war — to be announced to the country tomorrow.

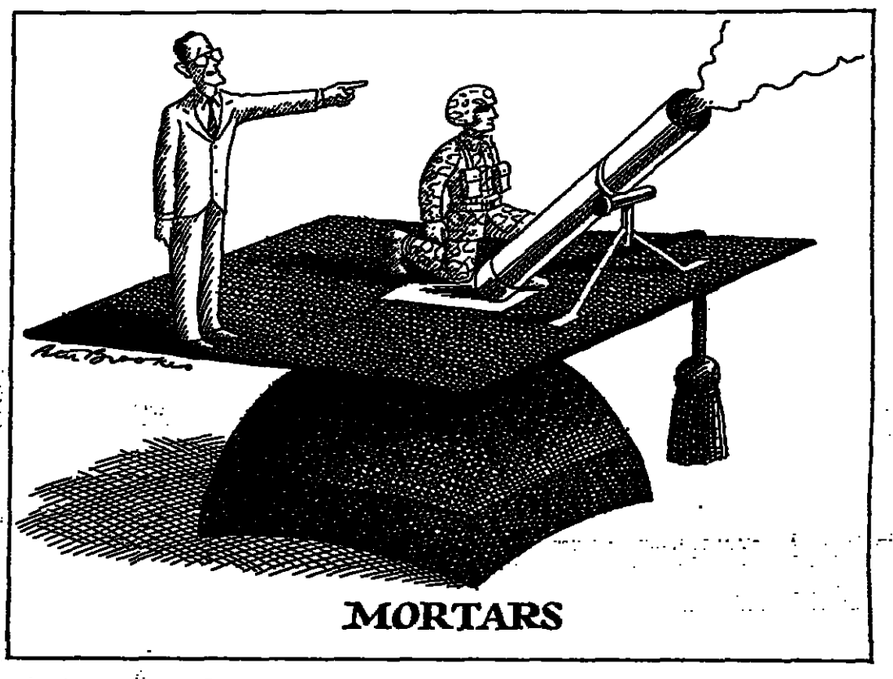
The first three crusades of the Bush administration were against drugs, General Noriega and then Saddam Hussein. Now he is launching "the fourth crusade", against American ignorance.

Conscious of the chronic failure of America's schools, and that predecessors have tried in vain to bring about improvement, Mr Bush will propose experiments and practical changes which he hopes will transform America's ability to learn. It is a crusade against the worst characteristics of his country: self-indulgence, contempt for the past and complacent tolerance of mediocrity.

Mr Bush is no natural leader in this struggle. He is an optimist who sees the greatness of America as both a justification for its failings and a guarantee that successes will continue. But he has also been persuaded that in this case his optimism may be misplaced, and that the sense of national pride following the Gulf victory cannot be better used than in improving the nation's neglected minds. While Washington has looked on cynically, Mr Bush has promoted an impressive new team at his education department and let it be known that he listens to what it has to say.

The education crusade is to be led by Lamar Alexander, who pioneered education reform when governor of Tennessee in the early 1980s. To help him, Mr Alexander has recruited the chief executive of Xerox, David Kearns, and the historian Diane Ravitch. Mr Bush says he wants education to be at the forefront of his re-election campaign, and has charged his chief of staff, John Sununu, with knocking heads together to make it possible.

Within a few weeks Mr Alexander's department had presented the White House with a plan of several hundred pages — echoing recent educational reforms in Britain — to expand parental choice and impose national standards. He also commissioned research on what is essential to a school and which elements are mere trimmings.



Mr Alexander is seen as the vanguard of the effort to translate the success of the operations against Iraq to the home front. If the lessons of Operation Desert Storm can be applied to lessons in the classroom, the potential rewards are higher than from any desert escapade. But what are the lessons? Are they the importance, as traditionalists hope, of clear central command and massive budgets? Or are they rather, as radical White House aide James Pinkerton argues, the lessons of self-analysis, recognition of past failure, the importance of reward for achievement and of a system in which people feel and accept responsibility for their own fate and the fate of those around them?

The answer will not be a simple one. The campaign will have little long-term benefit unless its leaders are prepared to confront some of the most deeply entrenched interests in the nation. It is appropriate (though hardly sufficient) that Mr Alexander has at his side an experienced business executive and a respected historian, for the dramatic failures of American education — scientific illiteracy, guns and drugs in the desks and the rejection of Aristotle and Shakespeare as Dwems (Dead White European Males) — stem from a deadly mixture of perverted politics, misunderstood philosophy and incompetent administration.

Diane Ravitch argues that change must begin with educational philosophy. The nation's first modern guru, John Dewey, whose 93-year life extended from the civil war to the Korean war, successfully preached an end to the rote-learning and strict discipline of traditional European-style education. Although Dewey believed that the level of culture would rise if access to it were easier, his disciples have tended to emphasise accessibility more than the culture: the schooling that appears to suit the child as an individual rather than as a full member of society. As a broad political creed, progressivism died in the first world war. But in education it lived on, succoured by racial politics, which also emphasised accessibility more than standards.

The launch of the Sputnik in the late 1950s gave America a shock. Was the Soviet Union gaining a scientific — and therefore an educational — lead? President Eisenhower began an educational crusade, but it consisted mainly of more money for the existing system.

Since the 1960s, despite thousands of outraged speeches, acres of congressional analysis and sales of millions for conservative educational works such as Allan Bloom's *The Closing of the American Mind*, the national educational philosophy has continued to attempt social reform, not the spread of knowledge.

The political battles against racially segregated education have largely been won, but liberal politicians, backed by voters, prefer the search for still greater equality to the task of ensuring that public education is something in which it is worth having an equal stake. Great administrative strides have been made in transferring funds from rich areas to poor, but most administrators would rather put more money on the bureaucratic roundabout than consider whether the roundabout is worth riding. There is no quick fix.

Most of the reforms that Mr Bush will promote and praise this week were tried during the Eighties. Every state in the union made substantial changes to its schools, including better testing, tougher exams, salaries based on merit and improved parental choice. The funding for education, of which only 6 per cent comes from the centre, is 30 per cent higher in real terms than a decade ago. Yet the measured results of pupils are no better, and against the rising standard of international competitors, American children are falling fast. Some schools, driven by the demand of parents and employers, are models of excellence, but overall American children do less homework and study fewer languages. The world is shrinking, but their insularity and ignorance of it increases.

The progressive educational philosophy is so entrenched that it prevents politicians from insisting successfully on higher standards, and stops able administrators ensuring that those standards are achieved.

America has deluded itself that it can hold together as a unified democratic country only if it includes as many children as possible in education, without regard to the standard of study. Unless the counter-argument is heard from the president — that successful democracy requires the highest possible level of predominantly shared culture — the fourth crusade is unlikely to survive beyond the 1992 election.

...and moreover

Craig Brown

Now that the Conservative party is less of a party than a loose federation of opposing factions, it is as well to keep up with the various groups of which it consists.

The No Turning Black Group is formed of a close-knit gang of hard-right MPs opposed to the selection of Mr John Taylor as candidate for Cheltenham. Some are drawn from...

The Young Conservatives, a wide-eyed, deadly serious, short-haired group whose members are most easily identified by their striking facial resemblance to presidential assassins. The Young Conservatives are themselves divided into two factions: on the one hand, the Extremely Sinister Sticking-Out-Eared Young Conservatives, and on the other, the Perfectly Pleasant If Slightly Stupid Tweedy Young Conservatives (now almost defunct). Some enthusiastic members graduate to...

The Centre for Policy Studies, where they are encouraged to write intellectually rigorous pamphlets probing the long-accepted norms of the dependency culture. These include "Coming to Terms with the Nuclear Treat" and "Dealing with the Homeless: VAT on Cardboard Boxes". They tend to be at odds with...

The Edward Heath Confederation, a highly vocal backbench group in broad sympathy with the aims and policies of a prime EHC is a severe opponent of...

The Conservative Way Backward Group, comprising Nicholas Ridley, Lord Joseph, Cecil Parkinson and other go-ahead young whizz-kids, among them Fred Flintstone, MP for Bedrock, and Lord Rip of Van Winkle. "We must drag Britain kicking and screaming into the 1980s," says Mr Parkinson, who also belongs to...

The Conservative Backbench Standing Committee, whose members (among them Teresa Gorman, Emma Nicholson, Anthony Beaumont-Dark and Nicholas Winterton) have dedicated themselves to standing for hours at a time on Westminster Green waiting to buttonhole any stray television crew that may be passing and to say, "Let me start by making one thing absolutely". Some of the more vociferous members also belong to...

The Thatcher Foundation, a strictly non-political charity set up to promote those of Mrs Thatcher's ideas that are strictly non-political. Teams of researchers are said to be making good progress, and are expected to discover a non-political Thatcher idea within the next few years. The Thatcher Foundation is unattached to...

The Rouge Group, an all-male coterie whose wives have agreed to stand by them, some of whom are at odds with...

The Monday Club, a right-wing establish their innocence before being found guilty. It is not known if there is any membership overlap with...

Jeffrey Archer's Close Friends, a secret society whose membership is claimed by the founder and president (J. Archer) to number millions, among them the prime minister and Mrs Thatcher, the Queen, President Bush, Pinnochio and the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines. However, the group seems so adept at keeping its membership secret that, in ten years, not a single one has been formally identified. Some experts suggest, in fact, that the membership is roughly equal to that of...

The Owenites, a band of people, all of whom resemble ageing versions of the former-former-former foreign secretary, who are willing at the drop of a hat to go to television studios to offer their considered advice to the prime minister. Mr Owen's forthcoming endorsement of John Major is expected to bring this government the same swing in popularity as he earlier brought to the SDP. The remaining faction is...

The Cabinet, a largely discredited faction of disaffected Thatcherites whose influence within the party is now said to be minimal. Rumours have spread that the prime minister is a member, but he refuses to be driven into a corner on this

Keane set for a killing

The total benefit to the nation of the efforts of John Keane, Britain's official war artist in the Gulf, may be just one canvas for the Imperial War Museum's collection. The rest of his *oeuvre*, following his month's stay in the Gulf as the guest of the defence ministry, will go on sale to the public after an initial three-month show at the museum. All proceeds — and they are likely to be considerable — will go to Keane.

The Imperial War Museum says that although it arranged Keane's trip, it cannot afford to buy the rest of his work. Angela Weight, keeper of art, says: "We don't have the money. Prices have increased considerably since 1982, when we commissioned Linda Kitson to go to the Falklands." Kitson produced 60 images for the Imperial War Museum and 30 more for its sister museum in Yeovilton. "But Linda's work consists of a lot of sketches done on the spot. A worked oil canvas is quite different," says Weight.

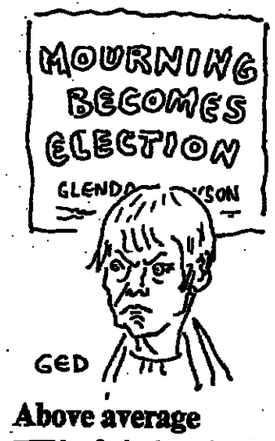
Keane, who has just started work in his Hackney studio, has not yet decided what to offer the museum. It is paying him £10,000, but he puts a £12,500 price tag on the 8ft canvas he has in mind. Alternatively he may offer two or three smaller paintings to the same value. "The museum is getting a discount," he insists.

The amount he makes will depend, of course, on the number of paintings he eventually produces. He rejects suggestions that there is something unseemly about

● *What a pity Noel Coward is no longer around to pay tribute to Sir David Lean. It was he who discovered Lean when making* In Which We Serve, *the second world war epic based on the sinking of HMS Kelly. Finding it hard to direct as well as play the lead role, Coward handed a camera to Lean, then a little-known film editor, and said: "You direct and I'll get on with the acting." The result was not only a highly acclaimed film but Coward's first and only Oscar.*

Stalls or backbench?

All the speculation about the likely date of the next general election seems to have left unperturbed at least one budding politician. Glenda Jackson, Labour candidate in marginal Hampstead and Highgate, has just agreed to appear this autumn in a West End revival of Enid Bagnold's elegant comedy of manners, *The Chalk Garden*. Rehearsals will occupy her right through October, which both Tory and Labour headquarters consider the most likely election month. The production is due to open in November, just when Jackson — who is currently appearing in will be in 1992," says her agent, Penny Taylor, "so she has agreed in principle to do the play." All of which leaves the actress, who has said she will give up acting if elected, with a potential conflict of loyalties. "It is a huge problem. There will have to be another star, not just an understudy, standing by," says Taylor.



Above average

The fascination with John Major's school record cuts little ice with the headmaster of his alma mater. "It's a storm in a teacup," says Tony Mooney, headmaster of Ruffish School in Wimbledon. "I'm not saying educational qualifications don't matter, but they don't matter with John Major. His qualifications as prime minister are what he has achieved since school."

Mooney refuses to be drawn on precisely what contact took place — and agreed — to suppress the records.

The headmaster will not, however, be instigating a mole-hunt. "There is no evidence to suggest there has been a leak, so there won't be an enquiry," he says firmly. In any case, Mooney has more important things on his mind, such as preparing for the new cricket season. And in that field, at least, the prime minister is happy for the world to know of his Ruffish accomplishments. The man who says he cannot remember how many O-levels he passed vividly remembers some school-boy bowling figures. "Seven for nine, including a hat-trick, against Royal Masonic," he proudly told his biographer, Edward Pearce.

Shuttlecock

The Badminton Cabinet has finally found a home, albeit a temporary one, at the Tate Gallery. Plucked from the dusty obscurity of a Christie's showroom, the £8.5 million cabinet goes on show at the gallery from 10am today. "The cabinet is a great British commission and very suitable for the Tate," says a spokesman — although he admits that the Tate has no other furniture on show. The move provides a second chance for a public display, after an earlier appearance at the British Museum, before the May 17 deadline when the government is due to decide whether or not to grant an export licence.

● *The cut-price opera productions suggested in this column last week have produced a rash of helpful ideas from readers. If Jeremy Isaacs is looking for budget reduc-*

BEASTLY TO BE BOURGEOIS

Yesterday was not a good one for the British middle class as a twin-edged Sword of Damocles was hoisted above its head. Labour's policy statement *Opportunity Britain* has confirmed its 1989 proposal that the well-off will pay a top tax-rate of 59 per cent, instead of the present 40 per cent. There will also be a surcharge on the so-called unearned incomes of non-pensioners in excess of £3,000 per year. Tax relief on pension contributions is also to be restricted to the basic rate of tax.

While Labour is stirring this brew, Tory ministers yesterday approved a proposal to go to cabinet on Thursday to scrap the flat-rate poll tax and load all local taxation onto a tax based on property values. After a budget that finally abandoned higher-rate mortgage interest relief, clobbered the company car and punished the portable phone, fear stalks Surbiton while Wilmslow trembles. A new age is clearly dawning, under either of the two big parties, and it is not bourgeois-friendly.

Nobody can calculate precisely how grave the threat is. After the leaks, the government has gone tight-lipped about its poll-tax proposals. It has been moving towards a property tax, shorn of most of the "people elements" that justified the accusation that this was the "son of" poll tax. Clearly this will bear more heavily on those with property, and more heavily on those with plenty of it. Labour's proposals are still vague. They comprise several elements: a starting rate of tax below 20 per cent, a series of tax bands at higher rates above that, changes to personal allowances and the abolition of the upper earnings limit (beyond which national insurance contributions do not increase with income). The party coyly refused yesterday to quantify any of these. The declared reason was that the new Labour Chancellor should decide. The reality was the political fear of alienating the electoral middle ground. Labour has tried to reassure middle-class voters by promising that no individual earning less than £20,000 a year would be worse off. But Mr Kinnock should know that £20,000 a year is now precisely what the average male white-collar worker earns. The new tax on unearned incomes will bite on those whose savings amount to as little as £30,000. The proposed changes cannot be presented as an impost only on plutocrats.

Neither development merits a middle-class panic. They would follow more than a decade that has been unambiguously good to the better-off. Top tax rates have been halved and most middle-class salaries are higher in real terms. The recent budget saw a shift towards higher taxes on expenditure and on the inert wealth of property. These are more easily justified than higher income taxes, and appear to be central to the present government's philosophy.

This time there is no Labour Denis Healey threatening to squeeze the rich until the pips squeak. The top rate of tax will plainly not return to the 83 per cent at which it stood in 1978-79, even if Labour wins. That said, higher income taxes are dangerous ground for Labour. If the party wishes to merge income tax and national insurance, for which there is a strong case, it should say so clearly. This means higher marginal rates of tax for many target voters. It can expect the Tories to take full advantage of this opening.

That said, the middle classes need not feel too gloomy. The fear that seized them in the 1960s and 1970s reflected less their material suffering than a feeling that their qualities were not esteemed. Now both main parties salute opportunity, both embrace the entrepreneur and both are concerned with wealth creation. Labour is marginally less well disposed towards the better-off than are the Conservatives. But the fiscal similarities between the two parties are more remarkable than the differences. The fate of whole sections of society no longer hangs on the result of the general election. For that at least, the middle classes should be duly grateful.

REALMS AND ISLANDS

The success of Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Japan this week, the first ever by a Soviet head of state, turns on Tokyo's claim to four rocky islands that have been in Soviet hands since 1945. The Japanese say that their "northern territories" — Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shiashkotan and the Habomai group — are legally distinct from the rest of the Kuriles, an archipelago stretching north-east from the large Japanese island of Hokkaido to the Russian peninsula of Kamchatka. The exiled Japanese islanders want to return; the Russian settlers wish to stay Russian.

The disputed islands' strategic value to Moscow is great. Their symbolic value to Tokyo is still greater. Yesterday Mr Gorbachev dismissed speculation that he would swap the islands for economic aid. What he has in mind is a mystery, but it may be significant that he has a delegation from Boris Yeltsin's Russian Federation with him. Mr Yeltsin said this week that he might not endorse the exchange of the four disputed islands for an investment and credit package said to be worth $28 billion. It is clear that Mr Gorbachev must take care. In return for ceding the islands, the Soviet leader would need to reassure the Russian inhabitants that they could stay or be compensated. Russian nationalism is now a factor in Soviet policy.

Japanese suspicions of the Soviet government are also an obstacle to a deal. The dispute over the Kuriles is an old one. The Russo-Japanese war of 1904-5 gave half of the neighbouring island of Sakhalin and all the Kuriles to Japan. But the Russians took revenge in 1945. The ill-treatment of 600,000 Japanese prisoners in Siberia is a bitter memory, though the survivors were returned in 1956 when relations improved under Khruschev and Hatoyama. At that time the Kremlin offered to return two of the disputed islands as a final settlement, but Japan's ruling Liberal Democrats refused to countenance half-measures. Neither the party nor its views have changed in the intervening 35 years.

On the Soviet side, all is in flux; hence the Japanese reluctance to trade with and invest in the Soviet Union. Since the early 1930s, Japanese-Soviet trade has remained constant at about 1 per cent of Japan's overseas trade. Any offer to the Soviet Union must depend on Japanese business. The private sector would have to supply the bulk of the investment in eastern Siberia which enthusiasts for the Kuriles deal envisage.

But Japanese businessmen are more sceptical even than those in Europe and America about Soviet economic prospects. In Japan, Mr Gorbachev lacks the nimbus of greatness with which Europeans have invested him. The cold war has not ended in the Pacific: the Soviet-occupied islands, bristling with military hardware, are closer to Japan than Dover is to Calais.

Both leaders would nonetheless relish a breakthrough. Mr Gorbachev needs goods on Moscow's shelves. Mr Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, is under resignation pressure from Liberal Democrat godfathers. Both are men in a hurry. But Mr Kaifu cannot dragoon his countrymen into a deal. Neither Japan nor Russia would gain from a hasty exchange of islands for investment, as long as the weight of communist bureaucracy continues to stifle initiative. Japan can afford to wait until the present Soviet leadership is replaced.

If he returns home empty-handed, Mr Gorbachev should use Japanese scepticism of present Soviet policy to persuade his colleagues to co-operate with Mr Yeltsin to turn Siberia into a free enterprise zone. Unfortunately for Siberia, the Soviet president will almost certainly do no such thing.

NATURE KNOWS BEST

The failure of Alaskan bald eagles to lay their annual clutch of eggs in 1989 was widely declared to be one of the environment-damaging consequences of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. But what had disturbed their mating pattern was not the 35,000 tons of oil which had spilled from the broken tanker, but the influx of 9,000 workers engaged in the multi-million dollar clean-up operation, and their numerous noisy helicopters. Not the catastrophe itself but talk of catastrophe was what forced the oil company to summon all hands so intrusively to the beach. The damage to be dealt with was not just to the environment but to corporate image.

Each successive ecological "catastrophe" devalues the language of alarm. The wreck of the tanker Haven off the Italian coast is the source of the latest environmental scare-stories. But it may safely be predicted that once the spectacular fire is out, nothing much more will be heard of it, as nothing much more has been heard of the "environmental terrorism" of President Saddam Hussein's oil slick in the Gulf. The sight of dying birds was indeed sad, but it flickered across the television screens only as long as there was nothing more dreadful to show. The waters of the Gulf are already on the way to recovery.

The word environment seems as naturally paired with the word disaster as male eagles with female ones, but not always in the way the phrase is meant. Some time after the Torrey Canyon was wrecked in 1967 it was concluded that the 10,000 tons of detergent used to disperse the oil had done more harm to the environment than the oil itself. After 24 years, the sea has mercifully repaired both forms of man-made damage. Nature can be more effective in clearing up an oil slick than the expensive and well publicised interventions of man.

The Haven, fortunately, has foundered in warm Mediterranean waters, where oil-eating organisms naturally thrive. On the cold Alaskan coast, where the bacteria are as slow to breed as the eagles, it was found helpful to feed them with fertiliser dissolved in the sea, one of the more bizarre activities of the 9,000 eagle-disturbers.

Environmentalists seem to have more than their share of experts ready to proclaim the beginning of the apocalypse at the cough of a sparrow. But for all their proclaimed love of nature, they do not have much confidence in her. When they all cry wolf all the time, the danger is that the public will disregard them all the time.

The status of catastrophe-of-the-moment belongs to the burning oil-wells of Kuwait, some of the smoke from which is now falling as "black snow" in the Himalayas. The firing of the Kuwait oil wells was supposed to initiate a world-wide nuclear winter. But the worst that can be said of the Himalayan black snow appears now to be that it will absorb sunlight quicker than white snow, and so melt faster. Which at least saves sending 9,000 men to collect it, and disturb the eagles.

Meanwhile, from Chernobyl, the cry of "wolf!" can be heard once more. And at the end of the fairy-tale, there was indeed a wolf. Is this it? The quicker experts can wind up their "my disaster is bigger than your disaster" contest, the sooner they can be heard with the right measure of alarm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Major's cabinet and poll tax haste

From Mr David Blunkett, MP for Sheffield Brightside (Labour)

Sir, One of the advantages of John Major's indecision is claimed to be the re-emergence of cabinet government (report, April 15). It is, therefore, strange that we now hear reports that the cabinet this Thursday will have before it the Conservatives' alternative to the present poll tax and that this may be placed before the House of Commons the same afternoon.

Either the cabinet is expected merely to rubber-stamp these important and highly complex proposals, or suggested changes are to be written in without further appraisal or consideration, over the lunch break.

If it is the first of these options, there is really no need to hold a cabinet meeting at all and if it is the second, then we are likely to be treated to the same bungling ineptitude which got us into the poll tax fiasco in the first place.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BLUNKETT,
House of Commons.
April 15.

Legal research funding

From Professor L. H. Leigh and others

Sir, A proposal to split the funding arrangements for universities and polytechnics is under consideration by the government. A common funding council would probably administer block grants for teaching at undergraduate and graduate level. Funding for research, it is proposed, would gradually be transferred to the five existing research councils. Of these, incomparably the most important from the point of legal research is the Economic and Social Research Council.

The councils are really best equipped to validate large-scale research. It is difficult to see how any research council could possibly, administratively, validate large numbers of relatively small projects.

Most legal research does not consist of large projects. Admittedly, there have been some useful large-scale projects, usually involving law and another discipline such as criminology or geography. A great deal of research, however, consists of small projects carried on by a lone scholar or by one or two scholars working together.

Small-scale research of great value has been engaged in by the British universities over the past 30 years. Some of us fear that the proposed funding arrangements would make it almost impossible for research of that character to be carried on, certainly to the present extent.

The funding we are talking about would consist not simply of relatively small amounts for research assistance and travel, but also a proportion of academic salaries. Normal university research would thus have to take account of that part of the law teacher's time which was spent upon any particular project.

Yours faithfully,
L. H. LEIGH (LSE),
IAN KENNEDY (King's College, London),
PETER SLINN (School of Oriental and African Studies),
ROSS CRANSTON (Queen Mary and Westfield College),
B. A. HEPPLE (University College London),
London School of Economics and Political Science,
Law Department,
Houghton Street, WC2.
April 15.

Food, glorious food

From Professor Emeritus John Postgate, FRS

Sir, Raymond Postgate, my father, would have been surprised, though pleased, to find himself mentioned in your third leader today, 20 years after his death. But he would certainly have protested at your giving him the distinctly disreputable cognomen *bon viveur*. He was, he always insisted, a *bon vivant*.

And contrary to your suggestion, as a socialist he would not have been at all surprised at the rise in incomes among ordinary people during the *Good Food Guide's* seminal period. Redistribution of incomes was a major objective of the socialist governments which were in power for much of the time.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN POSTGATE,
Houndean Lodge, 1 Houndean Rise,
Lewes, East Sussex.
April 10.

Mortgage repayments

From the Director-General of the Building Societies Association

Sir, Your report, "Lenders accused of ostrich attitude" (April 8), does not reflect very well the attitude taken by building societies to those of their customers who are finding difficulty in meeting their mortgage repayments. The societies devote considerable resources both to assessing the ability of their borrowers to repay the loan before the mortgage is granted and to assisting them if payment difficulties emerge.

The Policy Studies Institute's 1990 report, "Credit and Debt in Britain", based on research undertaken the previous year, showed 16 per cent of tenants had problems with rent arrears. Only 3 per cent of people buying their home on a mortgage reported a problem, compared with around 8 per cent of those repaying their overdraft, 5 per cent with a loan repayment, and 4 per cent with hire-purchase repayment difficulties.

Your readers may find it hard to reconcile these figures with the assertion at the Consumer Congress in Belfast that "societies that once lent 2½ times a person's income had raised the ratio to four or five times earnings".

On the contrary, very few loans are actually made at, or anywhere near, these income multiples. At the height of the housing boom in 1988 under 3 per cent of building society loans were for 3¾ times income or more. Eighty-eight per cent of loans represented sums under three times income.

It is difficult, therefore, to substantiate the delegates' case that lenders should be providing significant resources to third-party agencies dealing with a wide variety of borrowers. There are far greater difficulties with other forms of credit than with mortgages.

Yours faithfully,
MARK J. BOLEAT,
Director-General,
The Building Societies Association,
3 Savile Row, W1.

From the Chairman of the Money Advice Trust

Sir, You report from the Consumer Congress in Belfast a complaint that "financial institutions had failed to pay the voluntary levy intended to support" the Money Advice Trust, which was set up to channel funds towards advice agencies.

This is not so. It is only in the last week that I have started writing to all credit-granting institutions in this country to ask for contributions to the trust. I have no reason to believe that those institutions will not give us their whole-hearted support.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BLUNDEN, Chairman,
Money Advice Trust,
c/o Registry Trust Limited,
2 Ridgmount Street, WC1.
April 9.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Concern for London archaeology

From Dr Hugh Chapman and others

Sir, We are dismayed to learn of plans by the Museum of London which, if implemented, will constitute a serious threat to the capital's archaeological rescue excavation services. The museum, it seems, proposes to merge two separate archaeological services — one for Greater London, the other for the City. This union is sensible, but is apparently to be accompanied by changes in policy and such drastic cuts in staff that excavation cover throughout London will become much more limited and selective.

From 1974 to 1983 the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society and the Surrey Archaeological Society were responsible for rescue archaeology in most of Greater London. With project-funding from the Ancient Monuments Section of the Department of the Environment, each employed a small team of archaeologists for that purpose. A third team was similarly employed by an independent committee, the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee. Both county societies are represented on this committee, as are the two boroughs and other institutions concerned with local archaeology. The two societies also set up a joint working party on London archaeology to monitor and co-ordinate archaeological work in the capital, with co-opted representatives of active archaeological organisations all over London.

In 1982 the Greater London Council proposed a unified archaeological service for Greater London, to be administered by the Museum of London, for which it promised an annual grant. This initiative was welcomed by both the county societies and the SLAEC.

All three were happy to allow their separate archaeological teams to be incorporated in the new service, which commenced work in 1983 as the museum's Department of Greater London Archaeology. This service has been an outstanding success, fully appreciated by the London boroughs it serves.

The consultation which we might have expected over the proposed changes has not taken place. We have written to the chairman of the museum's board of governors, urging that no decision should be taken until there has been full discussion with both the London boroughs and all archaeological organisations that have been concerned with rescue excavation in London.

Yours faithfully,

HUGH CHAPMAN (President, London and Middlesex Archaeological Society),
DENNIS TURNER (President, Surrey Archaeological Society),
ROSAMUND HANWORTH (Chairman, Joint Working Party for London Archaeology),
RALPH MERRIFIELD (Chairman, Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee),
39 Mundania Road, SE22.
April 15.

Battle positions on Hadrian's Wall

From Mr John Anstey

Sir, The contention (April 13) by the chairman of the Northumberland County Council planning sub-committee that permission had to be granted for exploratory drilling so close to one of Britain's few sites of world archaeological importance, on the grounds that "hypothetical future development" must be ignored, is absurd. I have often given evidence at planning enquiries after councils have misdirected themselves into refusing permission, but on this occasion Northumberland appear to have erred in the opposite direction.

Precise interpretation of government circulars is frequently difficult, but it must be at least possible, if not probable, that the hypothetical development mentioned in the Department of the Environment's guidelines refers to alternative proposals — say for housing — not to gross enlargement and extension of those now current.

Cannot the council see that if the oil company finds anything, its determination to push through an application for large-scale exploitation will be much greater than it would have been merely to acquire the right to explore? As the planners say that they do not intend to allow that exploitation to happen, why on earth did they not oppose the preliminaries with full force?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ANSTEY (Principal),
Anstey Horne & Co. (Chartered Surveyors),
31 Newbury Street,
St Bartholomew's, EC1.

From the Managing Director of ARCO British Limited

Sir, Though be may be surprised to hear it, we at ARCO British fully support Dr Cleere (April 11) and his efforts as Director of the Council for British Archaeology to fight for the preservation of every historical site. But comparisons with Avebury or Stonehenge are highly misleading.

As opposed to a small singular site, Hadrian's Wall stretches from one side of Britain to the other — 73 miles. After nearly 2,000 years, the wall was in such poor condition that it could not be recognised as a single feature until its rediscovery in 1840. Today the wall consists of both restored and unrestored sections. Part of it has disappeared completely, including the stretch now covered by the city of Newcastle.

In the area where ARCO British plan to drill, what is now the B6318 roadbed has covered the wall since 1745. The Northumberland County Council have given their consent to drill at this site only after their professional archaeologist and environmental consultants reassured them and us that no damage would be done by our exploratory drilling.

At the present time, we only have approval from the council to drill an exploratory well. This well stands a 10 to 20 per cent chance of finding natural gas and almost zero chance of discovering oil. Thus Dr Cleere's concerns about pumping stations and storage tanks normally associated with oil developments are unfounded. The facilities required for a gas development are significantly less involved, require less space, can be masked from view by greenery, and could be located at a different site further away from the wall.

ARCO has a long tradition of drilling for and producing oil and gas in harmony with the environment, with major examples being Prudhoe Bay on the frozen tundra of the North Slope of Alaska and as a partner with BP at Wytch Farm, near Bournemouth. We would not consider drilling for gas in Northumberland unless we were sure that drilling, and production if successful, could be carried on in a fashion that would not harm the environment or the aesthetics of the area.

ARCO has for years recognised that no business is good business unless it is carried out safely, with integrity, and in an environmentally sensitive fashion.

Yours etc.,
S. R. MUT, Managing Director,
ARCO British Limited,
London Square, Cross Lanes,
Guildford, Surrey.

Vital statistics

From Mr Richard A. Block

Sir, The pullman car attendant who said that most people gave more than the average tip (letter, April 15) was merely stating that well known and much quoted statistical fact that the median can be greater than the arithmetic mean. For example, if one person gave £4 and three people gave £8, the average would be £7, so three out of four would have given more than average.

Of course, in these times of recession it is much more likely that three people will give nothing and one person will give £5 (I am not prepared to admit which category I would fall into), thus resulting in a median below the mean.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BLOCK,
8 Atwood Road, W6.

Declining Latin

From Dr I. F. Baird

Sir, You say (leading article, April 11) that "adults fortunate enough to have enjoyed a classical education too often dismiss its benefits". My own observations over the last 25 years reveal that of those who read classics to A level or beyond the overwhelming majority recognise the benefits.

It is only those who were, often unwillingly, forced up to O-level Latin who wish they had done something more useful. Perhaps, like anything really worth while, the classics need more than the brief exposure that an O-level course provides.

Yours faithfully,
IAN F. BAIRD,
9 Norfolk Crescent, Framlingham,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Making best case for our refugees

From the Chairman of the Refugee Council

Sir, The Home Secretary now has an excellent chance to take decisions which will benefit refugees and asylum-seekers in this country. The Refugee Council has made a submission to the Home Office which draws attention to the injustice which will follow if some of the measures that have been reported are put into effect.

Ministers have repeatedly maintained that many asylum-seekers are somehow not "genuine". Statements like this make it extremely difficult for asylum-seekers to receive a fair hearing.

We hope the government's decisions will be based on human-rights criteria and will not work against the interests of persecuted people who are forced to flee. We are particularly worried about two suggestions, that "exceptional leave to remain" (ELR) status will be restricted and that refugees in Britain will be dispersed to accommodation all over the country.

Until now the government has recognised that some asylum-seekers who are deemed not to have met the definition of a refugee in the 1951 Convention should still be able to stay in Britain. They have been given ELR status because of the risks they would run if returned to their home country.

The Refugee Council believes that some of these asylum-seekers should have been given full "refugee status". But we also believe that the safety net of ELR is vital to provide some protection to those who would be in danger if returned to their home country. If the government indeed plans to limit or even abolish exceptional leave to remain, that would be very worrying indeed.

The idea of spreading new arrivals out to towns and cities around Britain has been mentioned as one way of relieving housing pressure in any one place. But "dispersal" has been tried in the past and has failed to meet the needs of refugees.

Adapting to life in a new country is difficult. It is even harder without the practical and emotional support provided by members of their own communities. At the very least, refugees should be helped to make an informed choice about where to live.

Yours,
CLINTON-DAVIS, Chairman,
The Refugee Council,
3 Bondway, SW8.
April 15.

Teacher appraisals

From Mr J. S. Sikorski

Sir, The current dispute between the NUT and the Department of Education over the compulsory appraisal of teachers (report, April 2) is astonishing, at least from one perspective.

Performance appraisals are commonplace in private industry, with many different schemes in existence and many companies have applied them successfully. These schemes share clear and well-accepted goals — namely, to improve performance, encourage personal development and reward results.

To argue that performance appraisals should not be linked to reward is a failure to understand and apply good principles of management. There again, it may reflect an inherent resistance to change for the better, recognising that such a change would challenge traditional and protected practices.

As a parent I would demand performance appraisals for all teachers. Education comes first and improvement in standards must be pursued at every opportunity. Parents need to be satisfied that teachers are meeting the required standards in their assigned responsibilities.

Teachers need also to be held accountable. There should be no guarantees of jobs or reward sought or given for poor performance in the teaching or any other profession.

Yours sincerely,
J. S. SIKORSKI,
Dabrowica,
Lower Earley,
Reading, Berkshire.
April 3.

Sainsbury retirement

From the General Director of the Royal Opera House

Sir, Your diarist's speculation (April 10) as to Lord Sainsbury's reasons for retiring as chairman of the Royal Opera House is pretty wide of the mark.

The Arts Council's appraisal of the Royal Ballet, far from being "strongly critical" of its management, led to an award of £500,000 enhancement moneys. We are hopeful of an even happier outcome for the Royal Opera.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY ISAACS,
General Director,
Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden, WC2.
April 12.

Cosi fan who?

From Mr Julian Spence

Sir, On the whole I enjoyed Peter Sellars' production of *Don Giovanni* (review, Arts, April 4) and *Cosi fan tutte* (performance, BBC2, April 7), but he did seem to use some fairly old-fashioned background music. Couldn't he find something more modern to go with them?

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN SPENCE,
School House, Burnham Thorpe,
King's Lynn, Norfolk.
April 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 16: The Queen held a Council at 12.40 pm.

There were present: The Rt Hon John MacGregor, MP (Lord President), the Lord Fraser of Carmyllie (Lord Advocate), the Rt Hon Nicholas Scott, MP (Minister of State, Department of Social Security), the Rt Hon Timothy Renton, MP (Minister of State Privy Council Office and Minister for the Arts) and the Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Lyell, MP (Solicitor General).

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon John MacGregor, MP, had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

The Prime Minister of Malta was received by The Queen.

The Queen received the Archbishop of Canterbury (the Most Reverend and Rt Hon George Carey), who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Rt Hon Kenneth Baker, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), and did Homage upon his appointment.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department administered the Oath.

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Clerk of the Closet to The Queen) and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Carey, Her Excellency the High Commissioner for Kenya, the Bishop of Chelmsford (the Right Reverend John Waine) and Mrs Waine, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs Baker, the Leader of the Opposition and Mrs Kinnock, Sir David and Lady Plastow and Sir Paul and Lady Fox have arrived at Windsor Castle.

The Duke of Edinburgh opened the Copthorne Slough-Windsor Hotel, Cippenham, Berkshire.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Finland and The President of Romania and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Duchess of York today carried out engagements in Shropshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Shropshire (Mr John Dugdale).

This morning Her Royal Highness opened the Social Education Centre, Telford College of Arts and Technology in Wellington.

The Duchess of York this afternoon opened Innage Grange, a new Elderly Persons' Home at Bridgnorth.

Later Her Royal Highness reopened Copthorne Barracks in Shrewsbury.

Mrs Harry Cotterell and Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons of Crime Concern, attended the launch of the Youth Crime Prevention Campaign, Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness attended the Women's Royal Voluntary Service National Conference 'Focus on Families', Nottingham University and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan).

The Princess Royal, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, hosted a Reception at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness was attended by Mrs Charles Ritchie.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 16: Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, Colonel of the Regiment, today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards.

Her Majesty was present this evening at a Reception given by the City of London Squadron Association at Butchers' Hall.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 16: The Prince of Wales visited the Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland's Creag Meagaidh Nature Reserve, near Spean Bridge, Badenoch and Strathspey, Highland Region.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales opened the Sedgemoor Splash Indoor Swimming Pool Complex, Bridgwater, Somerset.

Subsequently Her Royal Highness visited the Six Acres Day Centre for Adults with learning difficulties, Roman Road, Taunton, Somerset.

Finally The Princess of Wales visited the Richard Huish College, South Road, Taunton, Somerset.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Somerset (Captain David Tudway Quilter).

Viscountess Campden and Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF, were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 16: The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the new Phasmapheresis and Blood Donor Centre, Birmingham and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands (The Rt Hon the Earl of Aylesford); and later Her Royal Highness opened the Radiotherapy Ward at the Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry.

This afternoon The Duchess opened the new Sports Centre at Rugby School, Warwickshire, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Warwickshire (The Rt Hon The Viscount Daventry).

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Armouries Development Trust, this afternoon visited the Royal Armouries Collection at the Tower of London, London EC3.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

School announcements

Charterhouse
The Cricket Quarter starts today. O.J.H. Harley is Head of School; Lucy Tomlinson is Head Girl. T.A. Bristowe is Captain of Cricket. Exeat will be from Saturday, May 25 to Wednesday, May 29. The Quarter ends on Saturday, June 29, which is also Old Carthusian Day.

Chigwell School
Summer Term starts today and ends on July 2. Speech Day and the Summer Ball will be held on Saturday, June 22. The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Barking, the Right Rev Roger Sainsbury, on Sunday, April 21. The Captain of Cricket is J.F. Carpenter (Caswalls'). Performances of the Summer Concert will be on Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3, and the Junior School play, *Bugsy Malone*, will be performed on the nights of May 15 to 18.

Eton College
Eton College opens today for the Summer Half. A.F. Brown KS is Captain of the School, and H.J. MacMillan OS continues as Captain of the Oppidans. There will be four performances of *Equus* in the Farrer Theatre from May 23-26. The CCF Tattoo will be on May 28, and the Fourth of June will be celebrated on May 29. Long Leave is from May 29 to June 2. The Harrow match will be at Lord's on June 8, the Winchester match on Agar's Plough on June 15. Lord Charteris retires as Provost on June 30, but he will be leaving Eton at the end of May. School closes on June 28.

Kimbolton School
Term starts today and ends on July 2. The CCF Annual Inspection will be on May 9. Speech Day is on May 25, when the Right Hon Bernard Weatherill, MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, will present the prizes. Old Kimboltonians' Day is June 22. The School Play *Henry V* will be performed on June 27 to June 29. The School Concert will be on June 30.

Latymer Upper School
London, W6
Term starts today, and ends on July 5. Founders Day is May 9, and Activities Week will be held from June 24 to 28. P.S. Vanni remains School Captain with C.R. Brooke and M.R. Mikdadi as Vice Captains. C.T. Cradock is Captain of Cricket; the match against the MCC is on May 28. D.C. Ziriat is Captain of Athletics and S.J. Prior is Captain of Boats.

St David's College, Llandudno
The Summer term starts today. The Board of Governors is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr William Seymour, MA (Cantab) as Headmaster. Dr Peter Anstis, MA (Cantab) is appointed sole Deputy Headmaster and Director of Studies. The New Housemaster of Cader Idris House is Mr Ray Beech. Christopher Wills (Tryfan) is Head of School. Open Day will be held on July 6.

Woldingham School
The Summer term at Woldingham School begins today. Anna Maria Vella-Briffa is the new Head Girl and Marije Brom is Deputy Head Girl. Prize Day is on Saturday, July 6, when the principal guest will be Dame Josephine Barnes. The school year ends on July 6, and the Autumn term begins on September 4.

Wycombe Abbey School
The Summer Term starts today and ends on Friday, July 5. The Summer Concert is on Sunday, May 5, at 5.00 pm. The Seniors' Association Annual General Meeting will be held in London at the Inner Temple on Friday, September 20, at 6.30 pm followed by a Buffet Supper. Parking is available. For further details please contact Mrs M. Guillebaud, The Grange, Sheepscombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7RH. Applications from external candidates for places in the Sixth Form in September 1992 should be made now to the Admissions Secretary, Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe, HP11 1PE.

Birthdays today

Mr Lindsay Anderson, film and theatre director, 68; Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 75; Mr Chris Barber, jazz musician, 61; Mr John Barrett, tennis commentator, 60; Miss Joan Clague, former director of nursing services, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 60; Miss Ruth Etchells, former principal, St John's College, Durham, 60; Miss Clare Francis, novelist and former yachtswoman, 45; Mrs Anne Harris, former national chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 66; Mr George Keyt, artist, 90; Mr James Last, bandleader, 62; Viscount Margesson, 69; Mr Ricardo Patrese, racing driver, 37; Mrs Eileen Stamers-Smith, former headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 62; Mr Michael Vernon, former chairman, Spillers, 65; Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, entomologist, 92; the Right Rev J. Yates, Bishop of Gloucester, 66.

OBITUARIES

SIR DAVID LEAN

Sir David Lean, CBE, film director, died in London yesterday aged 83. He was born in Croydon on March 25, 1908.

TOWARDS the end of his life David Lean was fond of quoting a piece of advice given him by Noël Coward early in his career. The two men, both master craftsmen and master entertainers, had come together to direct *In Which We Serve*, a film likely to appear a bit jingoistic today but which in 1942 did much to raise patriotic morale in war-buffeted Britain. "Do what pleases you," said Coward, "and if what pleases you does not please the public, then get out of show business."

Lean remembered those words and followed them. He had joined Gaumont British as a tea boy when he was 19. Over 60 years later, when he was well into his eighties, Lean was still obsessed with the cinema and planning the film of *Nostromo* based on Conrad's novel. In the meantime he had pleased himself, despite a tendency to be disparaging about his own work, and he had mightily pleased the public. He had also made a lot of money.

Many critics admired him most for some of his early films, *Brief Encounter* and *Great Expectations*; the public all over the world adored him for the blockbusters which became the Lean hallmark: *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *Lawrence of Arabia* and, financially the most successful of all, *Dr Zhivago*. He had his setbacks: *Ryan's Daughter* received a critical mauling which wounded him more than he would ever admit, even though it did run for a year at the Empire, Leicester Square. He failed to get his project *Mutiny on the Bounty* to the screen. But Lean was tough enough and carried sufficient weight to bounce back with *A Passage to India* after over a decade of silence.

Lean regarded himself as a story teller, albeit of those invented by others. That was why he so often turned to the great novelists of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. There were Dickens (*Great Expectations* and *Oliver Twist*), Pasternak (*Doctor Zhivago*) and Forster (*A Passage to India*). Carol Reed, whose best films unrolled their plots with economy and precision, was an early influence, so were the great French directors of the Thirties and Forties such as Carné, Renoir and Duvivier. Lean claimed not to be an intellectual but he gave his scriptwriters a hard time. Christopher Hampton, a mild mannered man, worked for a year on *Nostromo* before he could take it no longer and Lean returned to his old and trusted collaborator, Robert Bolt.

Lean's other obsession was landscape, which played an increasing part as his films became larger and longer. Stories abounded during the filming of *Ryan's Daughter* of camera crews and stars alike being left kicking their heels until just the right cloud formation arrived on the horizon. He explored the world to find precisely the right locations for the next project in hand and this was one of the reasons for his rootlessness. He had his houses, quite recently in London's Docklands and then in the South of France when he despaired of the parsimony and gutlessness of the British film industry. But his natural habitat was much more likely to be a hotel suite in whichever city happened to be catering for his immediate cinematic needs. Off the set Lean's manner was patrician in a way designed to hide a certain shyness and a lack of interest in the small talk and the gossip of the film industry. His nose was aquiline, a boyish lock of hair tended to fall over his brow as he spoke, but his face was dominated by the eyes which fixed on their subject with a steady, almost intimidating gaze. Nothing gave away David Lean's quite modest upbringing among a Quaker family in a London suburb.

He was born in South London and the strict religious observance of his parents, whose good looks he was to inherit, kept him somewhat apart from other children. Cinema-going was not encouraged and the young Lean had to slide secretly away from his Quaker school, at which on his own admission he was an indifferent pupil, to the pictures. An illicit visit to a silent version of *The Hound of the Baskervilles* gave him a taste of the magic the screen could produce and made him determined not to work in the staider profession of accountancy, which is what his parents, now separated, had in mind for him.

From being a tea boy at Gaumont British he progressed to the cutting room, working initially on the newsreels that were part of the diet of cinema programmes in those days. Lean's prowess with the scissors, sharpening such pictures as *Pygmalion*, became known and the technical mastery he was acquiring served him well. Audiences seeing *Great Expectations* (1946) were as terrified as young Pip himself at the sudden cut to Magwitch looming out of the Essex fog.

He worked with Michael Powell on wartime dramas such as *One of our Aircraft is Missing* before the invitation came from Noël Coward to co-direct *In Which We Serve*. The film helped forge a number of Lean partnerships: he worked several times with its star, John Mills, and was to marry (as his second wife) the actress Kay Walsh, who was also in the cast. Then there was Coward himself. Lean was to work with him on *This Happy Breed*, *Blithe Spirit* and, most importantly of all, *Brief Encounter* with Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson. Some regard the latter as Lean's most perfectly shaped film. Certainly the theme of love in approaching middle age was one that fascinated him and he was to return to it, rather more opulently and less successfully, in 1955 with *Midsummer Madness*, starring Katharine Hepburn and Rossano Brazzi.

During the 1940s and 1950s Lean was highly productive. There were stylish adaptations such as *Oliver Twist* and *Great Expectations*, contemporary subjects including *The Sound Barrier* and one or two films, *Madeleine* and *The Passionate Friends* among them, which have almost disappeared from memory. *Midsummer Madness* marked a turning point: thereafter Lean was to devote himself to epic movies. The gaps between films grew longer and longer as the finance became ever more complex to arrange. Lean the perfectionist became ever more dominant as he demanded the perfect shot and was prepared to spend money and keep everyone waiting while it was achieved.

His reward was world-wide success and plenty of prizes. The Bridge on the River Kwai won seven Oscars, including one for Lean himself as best director. *Lawrence of Arabia* equalled that tally, including another for Lean, and no-one seemed to mind too much that it ran for close on four hours. *Doctor Zhivago* was less garlanded, but made MGM more money than any film since *Gone with the Wind*. With *Lawrence* and *Zhivago* Lean owed quite a lot to a young English schoolmaster turned playwright called Robert Bolt. The partnership was to continue in good times and in those when the going was considerably tougher. Together they had to take the critical savaging sustained by *Ryan's Daughter*. Lean, although he did not say too much in public, was wounded by the reception, not least because the advance publicity, with battalions of journalists descending on Co Kerry where much of shooting was done, had promised a masterpiece.

Another 14 years were to pass before Lean was to make his next film, *A Passage to India*, based on E. M. Forster's novel. This was a period of disappointment. Lean planned a film on Gandhi, but his rival Richard Attenborough beat him to it. Years were spent on a project to remake *Mutiny on the Bounty*, with Bolt heavily involved as screenwriter despite the fact that he had suffered a severe stroke. But *Bounty* was never to take to the high seas: there were quarrels with the producer, Dino De Laurentiis, over the cost and scope of the film. Its abandonment caused Lean the same disenchantment with the world of movie-making as had the attacks on *Ryan's Daughter*.

His pride was restored by *A Passage to India*. The usual stories, some true and some false, emerged from the locations of wrangles, notably with the temperamental Australian actress, Judy Davis, playing the part of Adela Quested. Any Lean film was news and his first in a decade and a half was something special. When *Passage* was eventually screened there was criticism of the casting of Alec Guinness, but the consensus was that Lean had lost none of his skill as a story-teller and none of his eye for a landscape with which to embroider it.

He had hinted that this would be his last film but as he turned 80 he was already embroiled in Conrad's *Nostromo*, searching out locations in Mexico and mocking the studios for lining up "reserve" directors in case his health failed him.

There is confusion about the number of his marriages, but he is known with certainty to have been married five times and leaves his widow, Sandra.

PROFESSOR ANGUS GRAHAM

Professor Angus Charles Graham, sinologist, philosopher and poet, died in Nottingham on March 27 aged 71. He was born in Penarth on July 8, 1919.

ANGUS Graham was widely recognised as the world's premier authority on classical Chinese philosophy and linguistics, as well as a gifted translator of philosophy and poetry and a prominent exponent of the ancient Chinese view of life to the Western world. He belonged to a generation of scholars of China for whom the spoken language had little attraction and developed instead an extraordinary gift for reading and interpreting classical Chinese texts of a daunting level of difficulty, combining meticulous textual analysis with a deep understanding of the concepts which informed the works.

Among Graham's many achievements in the field of Chinese philosophy several stand out. He reconstructed the logical and scientific chapters of the *Mo Tzu* (6th-3rd centuries BC). These had been corrupt for 2000 years because a key early manuscript in its transmission had been damaged and its bamboo strips reshuffled. In his reconstruction Graham provided a brilliant analysis of their content and of their standing in the history of science. He also clearly identified the five different strata in the seminal work of Taoist philosophy, the *Chuang Tzu*. He was the first person in 1600 years to establish a new recension of the text and he then provided a spirited and accurate translation that will be the standard for years to come. He did groundbreaking work on the Taoist text *Lieh Tzu*, determining its date of forgery and providing the best Western translation.

The peak of Graham's lifetime engagement with classical Chinese thought is *Disputers of the Tao*, a singular contribution to the comparative study of the history of ideas and a work destined to have a major influence on both the study of Chinese philosophy and comparative philosophy. In this context Graham was a distinguished philosopher in his own right and the author of several articles and books on the nature of reason and spontaneity which sprang from his unique grounding in both China and the culture of the West.

Another of his active interests was poetry. His *Poems of the Late T'ang*, first published by Penguin Books in 1965 and still in print, will be known to many outside the sinological world.

Graham was also a much beloved teacher, principally at the School of Oriental and African Studies but also at the institutions where he held his many visiting appointments abroad, which included Yale, Cornell, and Brown Universities and the University of Hawaii. At SOAS he was lecturer in Chinese from 1950 to 1971 and then professor of classical Chinese until his retirement in 1984.

Trained in theology at Oxford and in Chinese at SOAS, Graham chose to stay in London because he valued its libraries and his colleagues and because he felt it was one of only a handful of cities in which it was possible to lead a full and stimulating life. Shortly before his death he was turning his full attention to a systematic study of classical Chinese grammar.

He was known for his kindness to younger scholars and as a man of great humility, despite his distinguished record of achievements.

He is survived by his wife, Der Pao, and their daughter.

Memorial service

Mr Cecil Clutton
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Cecil (Sam) Clutton was held yesterday in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of St Paul's officiated, assisted by the Rev Stephen Waine.

Mr Rafe Clutton, Senior Partner of Cluttons, and Mr Michael Gillingham read the lessons. Lord Palumbo gave an address. The Bishop of Fulham and Canon R.J. Halliburton were robed and in the Sanctuary. Among those present were:

Mr Gareth Clutton, Mr Nigel and Lady Sarah Clutton, the Hon Mrs Kenneth Marr-Johnson, Judge Frederick Marr-Johnson, Mr and Mrs Simon Marr-Johnson, Mr William Marr-Johnson, Mr and Mrs Roger Hanauer, Mr Robin Hanauer, Miss Sarah Clutton, Mr Prosper Marr-Johnson, Miss Susan Clutton, Miss Harriet Clutton.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lady Palumbo, the Hon James Palumbo, the Hon Annabella Palumbo, the Hon Laura Palumbo, Sir Nicholas Jackson, Sir John and Lady Smith, Sir Oliver Chesterton, Lady Wilson (also representing the director, British Museum), Mr J N C James, Mr Clifford Dann, the Master of the Clockmakers' Company and Mrs Prince, Mr Tom Harper, Dr and Mrs Lionel Dakers, Mr Eric Shepherd, Miss Dorothy Stroud, Mr Alastair Pugh, Mr A Jeddere-Fisher, Mr and Mrs George Daniels, Professor and Mrs Ian Smith, Mr Nicholas Webber, Mr Michael Inchbald, Mrs J Thwaites.

Mr Colin Brown and Mr Nicholas Hawksley (Cluttons) with Mr Derek H Holyoake (secretary, Cluttons Association) and Mrs Holyoake; Mr Nicholas Strathon (Gerald Eve), Mr Robin Bishop and Mr S Copland (Drivers Jonas), Mr H A C Edwards (Surveyors' Association), Mr Tom Tharby, Mr Patrick Townend and Mr John Underwood (directors, City Acre Property Investment Trust), Mr Anthony Perry (Sweby Cowan), Mr David Holland (Aston Martin Owners' Club), Mrs Sue Ward (secretary, Bugatti Owners' Club), Mrs R M Eldredge (Bugatti Trust), Mr Bruce Spollon and Mr David Franklin (Vintage Sports Car Club), Mr and Mrs Michael Harris and Mr and Mrs Peter Jones (Out in the Cold Club), Mr David Thirlby (*Vintage Bulletin*).

The Rev Dr Nicholas Thistlethwaite and Dr Christopher Kent (British Institute of Organ Studies), Dr Francis Jackson (Royal College of Organists), Mr L Krause (London Organists' Guild), Mr Noel Mander (St Peter's Organ Works), Mr Michael Fleming (Royal School of Church Music), Mr Martin Neary (organist, Westminster Abbey), Mr Douglas Carrington (editor, *The Organ*), Mr Colin Menzies (Organ Club), Mr John Trapp (representing The King's School, Worcester, and the Old Vigornians Club), Mr Tom Robinson (Antiquarian Horological Society), Mr Donald Findlay (Council for the Care of Churches), Mrs Lesley Lewis (Georgian Group), Mr John Hopkins (Society of Antiquaries), Mr H D S Venables (Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court) and Miss Tina Miller (Sotheby's).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.J.M. Armstrong
and Miss J.J. O'Dowd
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mrs Mary Armstrong and the late Michael H. Armstrong, of Deans Hill, Armagh, and Jill, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian B. O'Dowd, of Jordanstown, County Antrim.

Mr N.E.H. Bell
and Ms C. Simon
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs H.P.G. Bell, of South Petherton, Somerset, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jean Simon, of Le Mesnil St Denis, Yvelines, France.

Mr J.C. Gee
and Miss N.D. Joseph
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gee, of Hampstead, London, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Joseph, of Southgate, London.

Mr S.P. Harris
and Miss S.A. O'Bryen
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of the late Mr C.E. Harris and of Mrs J.C. Harris, of Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, and Stefanie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. O'Bryen, of Northleach, Gloucestershire.

Mr L.G. Herbert
and Miss G.M. Quinn
The engagement is announced between Louis, younger son of the late Dr and Mrs J.E. Herbert, of Omagh, Co Tyrone, and Geraldine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Tom Quinn, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and Ballsbridge, Dublin.

Mr P.J. Hill
and Miss C.A. McMurtrie
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Hill, of Mill Lane, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, and Anne, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter McMurtrie, of St Ibbs Bush, near Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Mr H.R. Howard-Vyse
and Miss F.M.A. Beaton
The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of Major and Mrs G.R. Howard-Vyse, of Heytesbury, Wiltshire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr W.G. Beaton and of Mrs S.E. Beaton, of Earlsmill, Darnaway, Moray.

Mr J.G. Ironside-Smith
and Miss D.A. Johnston-Smith
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and the late Mrs G.J. Ironside-Smith, of Tadworth, Surrey, and Deborah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.B. Johnston-Smith, of South Littleton, Evesham.

Mr J.W. van der Lande
and Miss A. Heavyside
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs C.J. van der Lande, of Dorking, Surrey, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Heavyside, of Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire.

Lieutenant-Commander C.D.R. Morgan, RN
and Miss C.H.L. Benson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Captain and Mrs R.C. Morgan, of Hindhead, Surrey, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Benson, of Claypole, Lincolnshire.

Mr R.S. Porter
and Miss N.A. Charles
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Porter, of Colchester, Essex, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Charles, of Totteridge, London, N20.

Mr J. Shelbourne
and Miss M. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Jasper, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Shelbourne, of London and Henley, and Melinda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Jackson, of London.

Captain M.J.L. Windus
and Miss S.K. Bland
The engagement is announced between Captain Mark Windus, The Royal Green Jackets, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Windus, of Truleigh Manor, Henfield, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Richard Bland, of Port Gentil, Gabon, Africa.

Marriages

Mr K.M. Bailey
and Miss M. Hung
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 6, 1991, at St Mary's Parish Church, Rickmansworth, between Ken, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Bailey, and Melissa, daughter of Mr Richard Hung and Mrs Agnes Hung. Derek Roberts and Edward Hung were the ushers and Suzanne Kostick was the bridesmaid, Mr Martin Gillespie was best man.

The reception was held at Moor Park Mansions and the honeymoon is being spent in Mauritius.

Mr B.D.L. McCann
and Miss M.D. Bergen
The marriage took place on March 16, 1991, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in London, between Mr Brendan Dermot Larkin McCann, son of Mrs Virginia L. McCann, of Dublin, and the late Ambassador Hugh James McCann, and Miss Margaret Donovan Bergen, daughter of Mr D. Thomas Bergen, of New York, and Mrs Sarah L. Bergen, of London. The bridegroom's brother, the Rev John G. McCann, officiated.

Mr M.T. Steiger
and Mrs P.M. Selbie
The marriage took place quietly in Wilmslow, on Friday, April 12, between Mr Martin Steiger and Mrs Patricia Selbie.

Dinners

The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts at a dinner held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in aid of Mencap. The guests included:

Sir Brian and Lady Rix, Mr and Mrs Barrie Davis, Mr and Mrs Roger Gallatley, Mr and Mrs Fred Heddell, Lord and Lady Delfont, Sir John Woolf, Sir Lawrie and Lady Barratt, Mr Jeffrey Archer, Mrs Grace Anderson, Mr George Biggs, Mr Nimal Cooke, Mr and Mrs Peter Crouch, Miss Mandana Farzaneh, Dr Nata Goulandris, Mr and Mrs Clive Holland, Miss Gillian Harvey, Mr Kazumi Hasegawa, Mr and Mrs Chris Ingram, Mr Bill Kenwright, Mrs Hope Kenwright, Mr Eddie Kulukundis, Mr Percy Levy, Mr and Mrs Kevin Maxwell, Mr Laurie Marsh, Mr and Mrs Joss Nangle, Mr and Mrs Bernard Norgan, Miss Hannah Ramez, Mr and Mrs Alec Reed, Mr and Mrs Mike Reynolds, Mr and Mrs David Thompson, Mr and Mrs Michael Williams-Jones, Mr Michael Wynne-Parker and Mr William Chapman.

Company of Chartered Accountants
Mr Alderman Brian Jenkins, Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, assisted by Mr R.G. Wilkes, Senior Warden, and Mr F.E. Worsley, Junior Warden, presided at the spring livery dinner held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. Mr Bernard Weatherill, Speaker of the House of Commons, the Senior Warden and Lord Bancroft also spoke. Among those present were:

The Earl of Limerick, Lord Remnant, Sir Peter Studd, Sir Kenneth Cork, Sir David Rowe-Ham, Sir Douglas Morpeth, Sir John Grenside, Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod, the Chief Commoner, the Masters of the Cutlers', Loriners', Plaisterers' and Actuaries' Companies and the Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company.

Royal Society of Medicine
Sir David Innes Williams, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Innes Williams, presided at a dinner held last night at society's house after Professor Sir Stanley Peart, Master of the Hunterian Institute, had delivered the Nuffield lecture.

Luncheon

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at the Dorchester hotel for governors, delegates and guests attending the inauguration of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will visit the International Contemporary Art Fair - Art/London 91 at Olympia at 6.30.

The Princess Royal will open a new wing at the headquarters of the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, 2 Romero Close, Stockwell Road, SW9, at 11.00; as Patron of the University of the West Indies Development and Endowment Appeal, will attend a luncheon at the Reform Club at 12.45; and, as Patron of the XIVth Universiade, will open the Ponds Forge swimming complex in Sheffield at 4.00.

The Duke of Kent will visit Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Filton, Bristol, at 11.00; and will visit Renishaw Metrology, Wootton under Edge, Gloucestershire, at 2.00.

The Duchess of Kent, patron, will visit Finchale Training College, Durham, at 11.15; open an extension of SMK UK at Aycliffe at 1.15; open the new library at the Queen Elizabeth sixth form college, Darlington, at 2.30; and will attend a fashion show at Garrard and Company, Regent Street, at 7.30, in aid of the RNLI.

Receptions

Corporation of London
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a reception given by the Corporation of London last night at Guildhall to mark the inauguration of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Royal Fine Art Commission and Haslemere Estates
Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, and Mr Paul van Romunde, Managing Director of Haslemere Estates, presided at a lecture and reception held at 7 St James's Square on Tuesday, April 16. The lecture, on architecture, art and the heritage, was given by Lord Palumbo, Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain.

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Some of the people in the crowd heard Jesus say this and said, 'This man is really the Prophet'.
St. John 7 : 40 GNB

BIRTHS

BODGER - On April 8th, to Jane (née Thomas) and Bill, a son, Giles Alastair Romer, a brother for William and Lucy.

BROWN - On April 10th, at The Portland Hospital, to Gill (née Rifkind) and Anthony, a son Joshua Jack.

CONNER - On April 12th, to Felicity (née Hylton) and Alan, a son, Frederick David, a brother for Emily.

CURSON - On April 8th, to Frances (née Draughn) and Henry, a son, Laurence Henry.

DAVENPORT - On April 14th, to Mary (née O'Brien) and Robert, a daughter, Lucinda Mary, a sister for Thomas and Guy and a 24th great-grandchild for Daisy.

DAY - On April 9th, at RHCH, Winchester, to Ghislaine (née Winch) and Keith, a son, Robert Frederick Hugo.

DOWNING - On April 10th, to Amanda (née Coghill) and Stephen, a daughter, Katie Louise, a sister for Thomas.

FRIEDLANDER - On April 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Cordula and Uri - a son, Max.

GADSBY PEET - On April 5th in Alexandria, Virginia, to Grace (née Forshaw) and Nick, a daughter, Madeline Elizabeth.

GAINES - On April 15th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Lausch) and Peter, a daughter, Carolyn Emily, sister of Matthew and Elizabeth.

GRANT-DALTON - On April 11th, to Moo (née de Smidt) and Kevin, a son, Jolyon, a brother for Sam and Pippa.

GREEN - On April 15th, at The Portland Hospital, to Cliff and Amanda (née Dryer), a son, Daniel, a brother for Sara.

GREENBLATT - On April 6th, at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Cohen) Perry and Benjamin, baby Gabriella.

GREENBERG - On April 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Frances and Mitchell, a daughter, Gabriella Sana.

INGHAM - On April 16th 1991 in Bangkok, to Anna (née Preston-Jones) and David, a daughter, Lucy Claire Hamilton, a sister for Guy.

LAND - On Thursday April 11th, at Kingston Hospital, Surrey, to Ann (née Ryder) and David, a son, Benjamin Ryder Brookes.

LEWIS - On April 12th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra and Kevin, a daughter, Emily Megan Alexandra.

LINNEY - On April 9th, at The Portland Hospital, to Rachelle (née Screpesi) and Neil, a daughter, Tiffany Airane Linney.

LLOYD - On April 16th 1991, at Wexham Park Hospital, to Cassie (née Patten) and Humphrey, a son, James William Oliver, a brother for Thomas and Alexander.

MALHOTRA - On April 14th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Rocky and Frances, a son, Raoul.

McDONALD - On April 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Lindesay (née Milne) and Robert, a son, Felix Rollo Iain, brother for Rupert, Natascha and Charlotte.

MONCRIEFFE - On April 13th 1991 at Winchester, to Catherine (née Gearon) and Laurence, a son, *Benjamin* George.

NEWTON - On April 13th, in Paris, to Camilla (née Sandell) and Thomas, a son, Alec.

RYLE - see Spain.

SCHOFIELD - On April 9th, to Helen and John, a daughter, Emma Charlotte.

SIMMONDS - On April 1st, to Lucy (née Tyndall) and Michael, a son, Frederick John.

SIMPSON - On April 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Dee Dee (née Granzow) and David, a daughter, Diana Jane.

SMITH - On April 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Denise Chong and Roger Smith, a daughter, Jade Alexandria Chong Smith.

SMITH - On April 12th 1991, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Janine and Jon, a son, Scott Joshua.

SPAIN - On April 14th, to Victoria (née Ryle) and Simon, a daughter, Scarlet.

STACPOOLE - On April 10th, to Josie and Richard, a son, Christopher, a brother for Rachael.

THORNTON - On April 14th 1991, to Nicola and Henry, a daughter, Phoebe Charlotte Chicheley, a sister for Laura.

Van der LOO - On April 14th, in Rotterdam (The Netherlands), to Maria (née Poiserdijk) and Hugo, a daughter, Barbara Fleur.

VARNEY - On April 14th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Katie (née Bean) and Mark, a son, Alexander.

VICK - On April 12th, to Shelley and Richard Warren of British Columbia, Canada, a son, brother to Lochan and Faye Jean.

YOUNG - On April 12th, at The Portland Hospital, to Andrew and Sharon, twin sons, Simon Magnus and Robert Elliot.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

ARGYLE:NEWTON - On April 17th 1951 at St Mary's, Derby, Michael Victor to Ann Norah, still at The Red House.

DEATHS

BOOTLE-WILBRAHAM - On April 14th 1991 at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, peacefully after a short illness, The Hon. Mrs. H.M. (Booty), widow of Claude of Guernsey. Funeral Service at Le Foulon Chapel, Guernsey, on Friday April 19th at 2 pm.

CAMPBELL - On April 14th, Elizabeth Jean (Betty) of Kensington, London and Argyll, dearly loved sister of Peggy. Funeral Service at Carmelite Priory, Kensington Church Street, Monday April 22nd at 10 am.

COOK - On April 16th, peacefully at home in Burford, after a short illness, Kathleen Lisnle (née Maude), wife of the late Francis Mervyn, sister of Venetia Marion Ceely Maude, mother of John and Veronica, grandmother of Henrietta, Catriona, Nicholas, Julian and Lucinda. Thanksgiving Service at Church of St James the Great, Fulbrook, Monday April 22nd at 2 pm.

DAVIES - On April 14th, peacefully but unexpectedly at the Westmorland County Hospital, Kendal, Evan John Davies, aged 64 years, formerly of Sutton Coldfield, Emeritus Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Aston in Birmingham, beloved *husband of Margaret*, much loved father and grandfather. Service 12 noon, Friday April 19th at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to the Kendal Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Hayes & Parkinson Ltd, Funeral Directors, Captain French Lane, Kendal, Cumbria, tel: (0539) 720105.

GRIFFIN - On April 14th 1991, in his sleep, Robert Stephen, aged 33 years. Dearly loved adopted son of Yolande. Service on Saturday April 20th at 10.30am at Christ Church, Brockham Green. No wreaths, but if wished small posies in oasis.

HARVEY - On April 12th, peacefully, Audrey, aged 82 years, of Stevenstone Court, St Giles, Torrington, N. Devon, beloved wife of the late John and a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Giles Parish Church on Friday April 19th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations in lieu, if desired, for Torrington Cottage Hospital League of Friends may be donated at *the Service or sent to R Gist & Son, Funeral Directors*, 6 St Giles, Torrington, N. Devon, EX38 7JQ.

HAYNES - On April 15th, suddenly at home, Phyllis (née Colah), wife of the late A.J. Haynes, dearly beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The funeral service will take place at St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, on Monday April 22nd at 1.45 pm. Flowers or charitable donations may be sent to Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

HERBERTSON - On April 12th, at St Augustine's Nursing Home, St Leonards on Sea, Sussex, Barbara Dorothy (Herbie) aged 78. Private cremation Service at St Leonard's Parish Church, Marina, St Leonards on Sea, on Tuesday May 14th at 12 noon.

HORNIMAN - On March 26th at the age of 27, Jenny Stewart Fredrica, daughter of Dr Euan & Angela Horniman, sister to Lindsay Tatton, James and Sue. The family requests no condolences.

HUNTER - On April 13th, at Bagtor Mill, Devon, John Michael Hunter O.B.E., formerly of East Africa. A much loved husband and uncle. Funeral Service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Friday April 19th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Fauna and Floral Preservation Society, 69-73 North Street, Brighton.

LLOYD - On Thursday April 11th, peacefully at Sutton Lodge Nursing Home, Weybridge, Douglas Rupert, affectionately known as Willie or Bill. Beloved brother of Guy and Bob, loved by all who knew him. Funeral at Woking St John's Crematorium, Thursday April 18th, 4 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal National Institute for the Deaf c/o Chitty Funeral Directors, Weybridge, Surrey. All friends welcome at the funeral service and afterwards at Walton Rowing Club to celebrate his life.

MASON - On April 14th, Dorothy, widow of Eric, much loved mother of Neil and Keith. Cremation at Putney Vale on Tuesday April 23rd at 11.30 am. Enquiries Fredk. W Paine, (081) 946-1974.

MELLOR - On April 14th, Professor P.B. Family flowers only. No phone calls. Donations, if desired, to Papworth Hospital Heart Transplant Fund, Papworth Everard, Cambridge. Cremation at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak, Birmingham at 2pm April 23rd.

POUNDER - On April 16th 1991, Rafton John (ex M.P.), suddenly at home, Orlock, Co. Down. Dearly loved husband of Valerie. Service in Roselawn Crematorium, tomorrow, Thursday at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired to Cancer Research, 10A Hamilton Road, Bangor, Co. Down. Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Valerie. Psalm 23

PURVES - On April 12th 1991, peacefully after an illness bravely fought, James Borthwick, aged 63 years, of West Hill, Devon. Much loved husband of Valerie and loving father of Fiona, Rhona and Kirsty. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Research to F.J. Luxton & Son, Ottery St Mary, Devon.

REDMOND - On April 15th, Peter William Dawson, beloved husband of Jean and dearest father of Patrick, Patience and William.

SWINBURNE - On April 12th, suddenly and peacefully at Queen Mary House, Chislehurst, Sylvia Mary Swinburne O.B.E., A.E., aged 83, only daughter of the late Canon J.K. Swinburne and Mrs E.W. Swinburne formerly of Stufnal, Shropshire, sister of John. Late Headmistress of Keble Preparatory School, Winchmore Hill and formerly Chairman of The Women's Cricket Association, lifelong friend of Con, much loved and greatly respected friend of many. Funeral enquiries please to Francis Chappell (0732) 450203.

THATCHER - On April 15th, peacefully at Sutton Veny House Nursing Home, Colonel Gerald Brian Thatcher D.S.O., in his 87th year. Much loved husband of Alix and father of David, Alix and Bill. Funeral Service at St Aldhelm's Church, Bishopstrow, on Tuesday April 23rd at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, donations if desired to St John Ambulance or Injured Jockeys' Fund.

THORP - On April 15th, Mary (née Court), much loved wife of Petrus, mother of Austin and Ann, Granny to Eleanor and Edward. Cremation at Easthampstead Crematorium Bracknell, April 19th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Home Farm Trust, Frocester Manor, Stonehouse, Glos.

WILKINS - On April 13th, peacefully in Amersham Hospital, Martyn, aged 89 years. Beloved husband of the late Audrey, loving father of Brian and Shirley and much loved Grandpa. A constant support and friend to all his family. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Monday April 22nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the North London Homes for the Blind c/o Barclays Bank, Sea Road, Angmering-on-Sea, Sussex.

WOODBINE PARISH - On April 14th, very peacefully in her sleep, in her 80th year, at Clifton House Rest Home, nr. Pulborough, W. Sussex, Mona Starr McGarel, ARIBA (née Johnston). Adored wife of Sir David Woodbine Parish, devoted mother of Vanessa and Miranda and beloved grandmother. Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Botolph's Church, Hardham, Pulborough, at noon on Wednesday May 1st.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 17 — 1812

Unlike the sporadic outbreaks of attacks on machinery in the late eighteenth century, the riots of 1811-13 in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Nottinghamshire were the work of disciplined bodies of clothworkers, cotton weavers and knitters under the command of "General Ludd".

DISTURBANCES IN THE COUNTRY

Extracts of a letter from Mrs GOODAIR, at Stockport, to her husband in Town:-

Backley Arms, Stockport, April 14, 1812

"We had been for some days under great apprehension of the mob. This morning, about 9 o'clock, the people began to assemble in considerable numbers. They halted at our large gates, (at Edgeley), and remained there for nearly an hour, calling to us at intervals to open our windows, and throwing stones in order to compel us to comply with their wishes. Finding neither of any avail, they proceeded towards this town, their numbers increasing as they proceeded along.

"Instead of entering by the usual road, they visited several houses and factories, where they broke all before them. They then returned to Edgeley, in number about 3,000. On perceiving them from our cottage coming down the road, I assembled the children and nurse in the parlour, and fastened the windows and doors; the gardener presently rushed into the room and conjured us to fly that moment, if we wished to save our lives. It was with difficulty I could speak; but each snatching up a child, we escaped at the great gate just in time to avoid the rabble.

"We proceeded to Mrs SYKES's; but before we reached our destination we saw our cottage enveloped in flames. Every thing, I have since learnt, was consumed by the fire, and nothing left but the shell. The mob next proceeded to the factory, where they broke the windows, destroyed the looms, and cut all the work which was in progress: and having finished this mischief, they repeated the three cheers which they gave on seeing the flames first burst from our dwelling. Their cry was, "now for Sykes;" but before they could accomplish their wicked purpose on our friend, some military arrived, accompanied by Mr Turner whose exertions have been indefatigable.

"He had been much distressed on seeing our house in flames, and had seen nobody to inform him of our escape. The females of Mr SYKES's family are gone to Manchester for security, whilst we have taken refuge here. The post-chaise in which we came was escorted by four of the Scotch Greys. The rioters were headed by two men, dressed in women's clothes, who were called *General Ludd's* wives. We are again left without apparel but such as the kindness of our friends supplies. Mr SYKES has been trying to get more soldiers at Edgeley, for the rioters appear worse than ever. MARLAND and other families have taken shelter at Manchester. Mr GARSIDE, who endeavoured to protect our property, and even ventured to reproach the mob for their conduct, has been severely beaten and bruised."

Another letter, same date

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LEGAL NOTICES

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AVIATION & TOURIST MARKETING LIMITED
TRADING NAME: "ATM"
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 29th April 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 22nd day of March, 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A. WHITE
DIRECTOR

FLIGHTFILE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 29th April, 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 22nd day of March, 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A. WHITE
DIRECTOR

HARMAC PAINTS LIMITED
Registered number: 2438147
Former company name: Rollrise Limited. Trading name: Harmac Paints Limited. Nature of business: Distribution of pneumatic products. Trade Classification: Construction (6) General (25). Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th March 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland Joint Administrative Receivers: E D S Kirker and J S Baird (office holder nos: 060, 1074), of Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners New Garden House 78 Hatton Garden, London, EC1N 8JA.

HARROW COACH AND MOTOR WORKS LIMITED
Registered number: 433473
Trading name: Bushey Heath Garage and Harrowbourne Garage. Nature of business: Garage proprietors and motor dealers. Trade classification: 19 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8th April 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Nigel John Hamilton-Smith and Michael William Young (office holder nos) 2043 and 8077) of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House 47 Holywell Hill St. Albans Herts, AL1 1HD.

HOLDENBROOK LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 26th April, 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 26th day of March, 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
B. C. MARTIN
DIRECTOR

NORTH HERTS SCALE SERVICE LIMITED
I, MAURICE RAYMOND DORRINGTON F.I.P.A. of POPPLETON & APPLEBY 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed liquidator of the above-named Company on the 4th April 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated, 11th March 1991
M.R. DORRINGTON F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF OPSEC LTD
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 9th April 1991.
DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL 1991
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
ANGELCRYSTAL LIMITED
Registered Number: 1818368
Trading Name: Brixton Academy Nature of Business: Management of entertainment venue Trade classification: 39. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 8 April 1991 Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Watney Truman Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: EJ Wacey (6648) and DJ Buchler (3134) of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF.

REAL SOFT TOYS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the above company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2Y 7DQ on Friday, 3 May 1991 at 11.00 am. A Creditor is entitled to vote only if he has sent to the Joint Administrative Receivers not later than 12.00 pm on 2 May 1991, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers at Cork Gully 3 Noble Street London EC2V 7DQ prior to the meeting any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
T R Harris
Joint Administrative Receiver.

Re: C A Z Limited
and
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Woodford Moat House, 30 Oak Hill, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 9NY on Monday the 22nd April 1991, at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Thursday 18th April 1991.
Dated this 28th day of March 1991
G Hall
Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RKF GROUP PLC
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street Redhill Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 2.00 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1 A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2 Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy
4 A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2378059 Name of company: Family Inns Limited Nature of business: Pub Address of registered office: Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002686. Date of appointment: 3rd April 1991 By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors. Date: 8th April 1991.

IN THE MATTER OF COLEBROOK HAULAGE LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jonathan Joseph Schaptra, ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 3rd April 1991.
DATED THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schaptra ACA.
Liquidator Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1142602 Name of company: Kestrel Displays Ltd. Nature of business: Printers. Address of registered office: Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road Ilford, Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: R.A. Segal, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ, Office Holder No 002686. Date of appointment: 27th March 1991 By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors Date 2nd April 1991

IN THE MATTER OF ENGLISH & TURKISH BAZAAR LTD AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Kevin Paul Barry, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 8th April 1991.
DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL 1991
Kevin Paul Barry, FCA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF T.W. CONTRACTORS LTD
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jonathan Joseph Schaptra ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co. 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 3rd April 1991.
DATED THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schaptra, ACA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RKF DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 12.00 midday for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1 A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy.
4. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RKF PRINT HOLDINGS
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street Redhill Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 3.30 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1 A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986
2 Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3 A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy
4 A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MEADOWBROOK DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 1.00 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1 A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986
2 Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3 A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy
4 A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ARUN ENGINEERING LIMITED
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street Redhill Surrey RH1 1RX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 1.00 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1. A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy
4. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

TANGOFINE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of SINGLA & COMPANY 49 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4SA on Tuesday 23rd April 1991 at 2.30 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of SINGLA & COMPANY 49 Queen Victoria Street London EC4N 4SA between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 19th and 22nd April 1991.
Dated the 9th day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
T COMMANDER
DIRECTOR

THE BOYNES (UPTON UPON SEVERN) LIMITED
Trading As THE BOYNES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 26th day of April, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 9th day of April 1991
NASSEREDIN RAVANDOUST
Director

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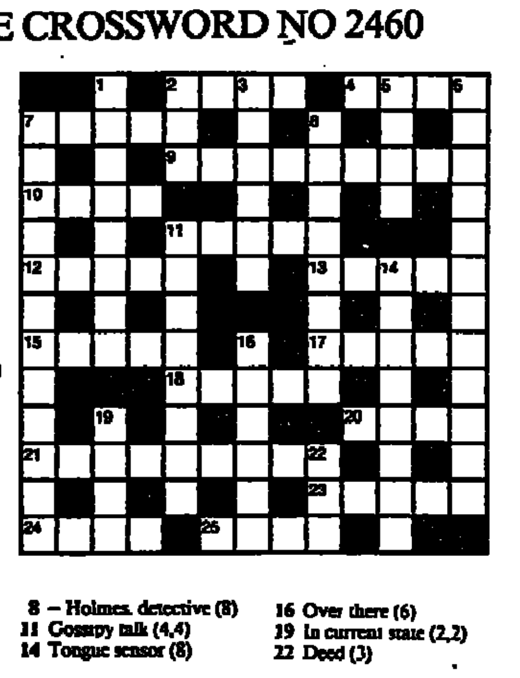

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NEW RELEASES

♦ THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES (15): Brian DePalma's stylized, cartoon-like version of Tom Wolfe's novel. Tom Hanks miscast as the Wall Street high-flyer shot down by fate.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

♦ HIGHLANDER II — THE QUICKENING (15): Dismal sequel to the 1986 fantasy, with time-traveller Christopher Lambert facing new adversaries. Sean Connery injects a modest twinkle into the gloom.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7815) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ IMPROMPTU (12): Impish comedy about George Sand's tempestuous courtship of Chopin. At times too boisterous, mostly pleasing. James Lapine directs Judy Davis, Hugh Grant.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861).

THE MIRACLE (15): Lukewarm Oedipal whimsy from Neil Jordan about an Irish teenager's romantic fantasies. With Beverly D'Angelo and two fresh teenagers (Niall Byrne, Lorraine Pilkington).
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Sleekly mounted but facile woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death. Patrick Bergin; director, Joseph Ruben.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

♦ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Empire (071-437 9999) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ KING RALPH (PG): Thin, boring vehicle for the burly John Goodman — a genial American slob who ascends the British throne. Starring Peter O'Toole.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family depicted by master cinéastes Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving, with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria, starring Maynard Eziashi.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

♦ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

♦ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, John Schlesinger.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER (12): Tom Selleck as a 19th-century sharp-shooter protecting aborigines in the outback. Lazy Aussie Western with a dog-eared script. Laura San Giacomo, director, Simon Wincer.
Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☑ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical; great singing and packed with pizzazz. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

☑ CAT WITH GREEN VIOLIN: The home life of Louis Wain, obsessive cat artist and brother of five eccentric sisters. A disorganised play but wonderful batty lines. Orange Tree, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Underground: Richmond. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time 2hrs 45mins. Closes May 4.

☐ CORIOLANUS/THE WINTER'S TALE: Two Bogdanov productions for English Shakespeare Company: a bewildering *Coriolanus* set in Eastern Europe, a more rewarding *Tale*. Strong performances by Michael Pennington in both. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground Covent Garden. *Coriolanus*: tomorrow, Fri, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm; *Winter's Tale*: Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm. Running times: 3hrs 15mins.

☐ THE CURE AT TROY: Seamus Heaney's version of *Philoctetes*. A raw drama of trust, duty and betrayal that transcends the ages from Ancient Greece to Ulster. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground Kilburn. Mon-Sat 8pm. Running time: 1hr 20mins. Closes April 27.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy. Alec McCowen and Dublin's Abbey Theatre. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time 2hrs 30mins.

☐ DAYS OF HOPE: Ingenuous and solemn musical from Howard Goodall about love and self-sacrifice in the Spanish Civil War. Fairly absurd. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Underground Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins. Closes May 25.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Charlie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival. Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time, 2hrs 15mins.

☑ A JAMAICAN AIRMAN FORESEES HIS DEATH: Black RAF volunteers scuppered by Scottish racism in second world war: nicely acted though over literary. Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 6844/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema. Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly vaulting, but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's fetchingly strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair, adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443).

♦ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy, director, Peter Weir.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family depicted by master cinéastes Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving, with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria, starring Maynard Eziashi.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

♦ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

♦ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, John Schlesinger.
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Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER (12): Tom Selleck as a 19th-century sharp-shooter protecting aborigines in the outback. Lazy Aussie Western with a dog-eared script. Laura San Giacomo, director, Simon Wincer.
Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527).

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground, Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time, 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

■ THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN: Sexual thuggery in Seville: handsome but uneasily focused version of Tirso de Molina's original story.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. Running time, 2hrs 45mins.

☐ THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FANNY HILL: Red Shift's sexually explicit but misfiring attack on pornography.
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). British Rail Clapham Junction. Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes Sunday.

☐ THE LUCKY SPOT: Funny, stylish comedy by Beth Henley, set in a seedy Louisiana dance hall. Worth seeking out. Ambiance, The Ballroom, 103 Broadway, SW19 (081-542 6141) Underground Wimbledon. Mon-Sat 8pm. Running time, 2hrs 15mins. Closes April 27.

☑ MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Roger Allam and Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production. Barbican (as above). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins.

☐ MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half of her family. Anita Dobson in an accomplished and powerful play. Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 8111) Underground Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time, 2hrs 15mins.

☐ RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA: Leslie Grantham in the play the film was based on. Thin production that certainly "doesn't amount to a hill of beans". Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground, Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6pm. Running time, 2hrs 5mins.

☑ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Underground Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time, 2hrs 10mins.

☐ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that enlivens Shakespeare's blank spots. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363) Underground Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Final week.

☑ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Underground Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes June 1.

☑ THE TRIAL: Antony Sher's powerfully restrained hero is truer to Kafka than Berkoff's fund production. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252) Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs.

☑ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive: with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401) Underground Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time, 2hrs 40mins.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

RUSSIAN SPRING: The London Sinfonietta, under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, performs a selection of post-Shostakovich works: the Third Symphony by Boris Tishchenko, a Shostakovich pupil, the first performance of a cantata, *Jacob's Ladder*, by Dmitri Smirnov; and the Four-Hand Piano Concerto by Schnittke.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

PETER GRIMES: Keenly anticipated new English National Opera production, by the team responsible for the successful *Billy Budd* of 1988. Philip Langridge as the tenor conscience of the work, Tim Albery as director and David Atherton as conductor. Josephine Barstow, Jonathan Summers and Jason Howard lead the supporting cast, along with ENO stalwarts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE: Theatr Clwyd, Wales's leading theatre company, presents Jeremy Brooks' acclaimed Thirties-style production of Ibsen's play, set in a North Wales coastal town.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, London W6 (081-741 2311), 7pm.

NAT ADDERLEY: "Work Song" became an anthem of the hard bop era. More recently Cannonball's brother has been stirring up audiences as cornettist with the all-star Paris Reunion Band.
Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358), 8.30pm.

AC/DC: The outlandish Aussie headbangers play their last date in London. Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234), 7.30pm.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW: John Cranko's comic ballet converts Shakespeare's play into a new form, with much knockabout comedy and some romantic emotion, too. It enters English National Ballet's repertoire this week and will be showing in the London season in June. Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30pm.

Fanfare of crystal clarity

CONCERT

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

I THINK we all expected the new Birmingham concert hall to be something rather wonderful, for reasons both practical and sentimental. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and its conductor Simon Rattle deserved a glorious home after their extraordinary achievements of the last decade. Moreover, Russell Johnson, who designed the place, is widely acknowledged as the world's leading expert in creating companionable spaces for music, and his Birmingham hall is evidently a close relation to the enthusiastically received one he recently completed in Dallas. So the excitement on Monday night, when the CBSO gave its first public concert in Symphony Hall, was more of relief and satisfaction than of surprise.

Still, this was a thrilling occasion. In the first place, Symphony Hall is a good place to be: smart and special without being lavish, well appointed, and with plentiful daylight into the foyers and bars. The auditorium itself has something of the functional but swaggering character of an ocean liner, thanks to its oval shape, its four decks of railed balconies and its stout columnar features. It also boasts a proud colour-scheme of soft rich red, light wood, chrome and dull white, and has the further visual advantage that, thanks to the deep, box-like shape, there is a feeling of closeness to the musicians and to other members of the audience, a sense of intimacy even in a building that seats 2,000 people.

Of course it is the acoustic that is all-important, and Symphony Hall looks on this showing to be a virtuoso among concert rooms. Most extraordinary is the pianissimo, a feature Rattle and his players exploited in both the works they played, Stravinsky's *Firebird* and Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé*. Being insulated from the outside world and resting on rubber buffers, the hall is virtually free of ambient noise, which means that the most delicate sounds can register: the effect was almost uncanny, and quite outside my experience. The only drawback is that audience noise registers accurately too.

The absence of external noise must be one feature assisting the great clarity of the sound, though this is not the intense clarity that makes an orchestra into an assembly of 80 separate players. Blendings can work beautifully, even across the distance between trombones and flutes, and the choral sound in the Ravel, supplied by the CBSO's own choir, was marvellously integrated. No, this is a clarity that is essentially musical, helping to bring out inner parts and fine detail.

The sound is also decisively platform-centred: only the lowest notes of the double basses seemed to bring out an audible and indeed tangible resonance from the body of the hall. However, the reverberation characteristics can be altered at will, and perhaps could usefully have been to give the violins more warmth in the Ravel: there were wiry moments when one heard too much the metal of the strings.

Equally, though, the musicians may find their playing changes as they adapt to the new hall. If the exceptionally alive performances on this occasion were anything to go by, the place is obviously going to be an inspiration to the orchestra playing there regularly, and to the visiting orchestras that will be drawn to it. It will be an inspiration also to its audiences.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

NEWS TEAM

Triumphant performance: Simon Rattle at the new Symphony Hall

THEATRE

Top Girls
Royal Court

THIS is the first important revival of the play that back in 1982 left even her political foes somewhat awed by Caryl Churchill. How many writers could match the imaginative chutzpah of her first act, let alone reconcile it with the realistic sections that followed? After *Top Girls* it was no longer possible to patronise women dramatists: a major talent had established itself, and it was indisputably female.

That talent astonishes still. Imagine the sort of dinner party you might conjure up in some sensationally fanciful game of *Consequences*, and you have Churchill's opening sequence. In the Prima Donna restaurant, Pope Joan carouses with a Victorian lady-traveller, a Japanese courtesan turned wandering nun, Chaucer's ultra-patient Griselda, and Dulle Griet, whom Bruegel painted invading hell and beating up demons. All suffered, most by losing their children. All faced the tribulations of their eras with resourcefulness and courage.

But *Top Girls* is not a triumphalist piece of feminist history. On the contrary, the play would madden the kind of doctrinaire gauleiter to be found policing Women's Studies in some modern universities. Churchill's thesis is that many women are misusing the opportunities painfully won by these pioneers. For some, freedom seems to consist of ferociously adopting the very values that have kept down their sex.

Compare Cecily Hobbs's cool Pope Joan or Sarah Lam's peppy 13th-century Japanese or Deborah Findlay's prim, earnest Scots traveller with their hostess, Lesley Manville's sleek, assured Marlene. She is celebrating an event she thinks makes her these women's equal, promotion to chief executive of an employment agency adept at finding its "top girls" jobs as secretaries or middle managers. But this petty success has been bought by personal mutilation, including the rejection of a daughter brought up by Marlene's sister on the drab council estate.

Somewhere here is a complex play's centre. Lesley Sharp, earlier a marvellously sullen Griet, gives the performance of the evening as Marlene's daughter, exuding bewilderment and dopey helplessness. But for the mother she believes to be her aunt, the girl is simply "a bit thick". What use is female emancipation, asks Churchill, if it transforms clever women into predators and does nothing for the stupid?

Max Stafford-Clark, directing, could have trimmed the text, especially parts that come across as standard Royal Court social ire: the references to Mrs Thatcher, alias "Hitlerina", limit the play.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MUSICAL

Carmen Jones
Old Vic

THE eternal mischief-maker, Carmen creates dissension even among critics. Last week, Benedict Nightingale extended a warm welcome to *Carmen Jones* in these pages. While some fell under her spell, others had reservations about the theatrical clichés of Simon Callow's production, and a lack of genuine excitement, let alone electricity. The unpredictable minx now presents a different face — the alternative casting for Carmen and Joe — and the show is transformed. Never mind the big operatic (or, rather, cinematic) name in the first cast: this is the one to go for.

Sharon Benson's background is West End musical. She was the first black Grizabella in *Cats*. She may never sing Carmen, but she makes a magnificent Carmen Jones. If Wilhelmenia Fernandez made Carmen a sleek pedigree feline, claws sheathed in velvet, Benson has a touch of the feral. Fernandez gives us a disdainful, slightly matronly courtesan, unbelievable in a factory brawl. In place of her sulky dignity — which makes sense, however, in the stoic fatalism of the fortune-telling scene — Benson has that gallantry that every Carmen needs, the mixed defiance and resignation of an animal scenting the approach of death.

Her light soprano, good by West End standards, alternates with beefy chest tones, accompanied by some grinding gear changes. These obtrude only in the Seguidilla and with some uneasy scooping in the sinuous vocal line with which Carmen entertains Joe in the bar. The new corporal is Michael Austin, a real tenor with evenly produced, well-covered tone, and a marginally more romantic figure than Damon Evans.

The band was less coarse, the old style D'Oyly Cartery of the comics less grating, and the ovations more spontaneous than on the first night. Both audience and cast joined in applauding Benson like the new star she could undoubtedly become.

MARTIN HOYLE

ROCK

AC/DC
Wembley Arena

FROM the land that brought you *Crocodile Dundee*, John Pilger and dodgy lager commercials comes the group that really couldn't give a xxxx about the dictates of fashion, musical or otherwise. Lewd, loud and led by a 36-year-old man who still dresses up in the uniform of a ten-year-old schoolboy, AC/DC remains the uniquely tasteless antidote to all forms of subtlety or pretentiousness, a perennial expression of rock as an exclusively delinquent pastime.

Playing at a truly excessive volume, they opened their British tour with a performance that was typically energetic and powerful, if somewhat lacking in nuance. It started with spectral flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. Chris Slade's drum kit rose up through the stage floor. Leaping from an elevated section behind him came Angus Young, head lolling, spindly white legs shaking spasmodically, his leering expression redolent of Jack Nicholson's just before being dismembered by the Witches of Eastwick. Charging in from the wings came the cloth-capped Brian Johnson, his microphone gripped like a grease-monkey's spanner. The stage floor looked like an airport runway at night, while behind the five musicians a complex structure of warehouse caging loomed.

Musically, there was little innovation, with only four numbers from the new album, including "The Razors Edge" and "Money-talks". Angus pulled down his shorts during "Jailbreak" and the nearest they got to a ballad was a thudding slow blues on the theme of veneral disease, which prompted a jolly crowd singalong.

An indecorous display to be sure, and one that was not without some slack loitering between numbers. But they powered their way through the malevolent drone of "Hells Bells" and the good-time wallop of "High Voltage" with the robust assurance of a group that remains firmly in touch with the eternal verities of its trade.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

DIRTY GIRL
(a) American medical jargon for a nurse who works in an operating room to deliver supplies, take messages, be a general non-medical dogsbody, etc.; she does not wear a sterile gown, nor does she help at the operating table.

LADINO
(c) A language based on Old Spanish and written in modified Hebrew characters, used by some Sephardic Jews in some Mediterranean countries: "He records a meeting with three Ladino-speaking Jews in the railway station at Sofia."

ICTERUS
(b) The disease, jaundice, in medical and professional jargon, from the Greek *Ikteros* jaundice: "He pointed out that diabetes was not a disease, but a symptom like icterus."

COPESETIC
(b) Also *copacetic*, American slang for just fine, excellent, origin obscure: "Everything is copesetic is synonymous with OK, and I believe it is used by negroes in the South."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Freyman — Rabinovic, USSR 1934. Here, White found an unusual way to win material. Can you see what he played?

1 Nb6! axb6 (1 ... Qxb6 2 Bb5 traps the black queen) 2 Qxb6, winning look for knight

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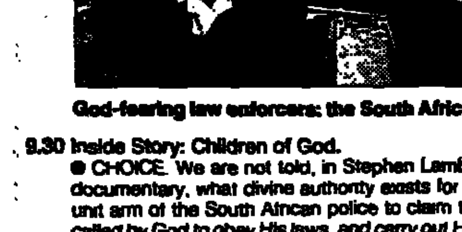
3.50 Quick Draw McGraw 4.00 WildBunch. Children from Broomhill Junior School in Bristol meet a variety of creatures 4.15 Littl Bits. Cartoon 4.35 The Movie Game. Jonathon Morris presents the quiz for mini movie buffs with clips from *The Wind in the Willows* and *Three Men and a Little Lady*
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Tom's Midnight Garden Episode three of the six-part children's drama (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) Northern Ireland Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines Northern Ireland Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. The guests include *the home secretary Kenneth Baker* and actress Catherine Zeta Jones Plus a song from Lonnie Gordon
7.35 Doogie Howser MD. Doogie (Neil Patrick Harris) turns teenage medical guru when he appears on television advising youngsters on issues from sex to alcohol His popularity goes to his head, but being a genius, he realises the moral pitfalls of adulation and the effect it is having on his job (Ceefax)
8.00 Police Rescue Watchable and active police drama from Australia. An accident involving a propane gas tanker creates havoc for the rescue team as the fire cannot be put out by water and people are trapped in the wreckage (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

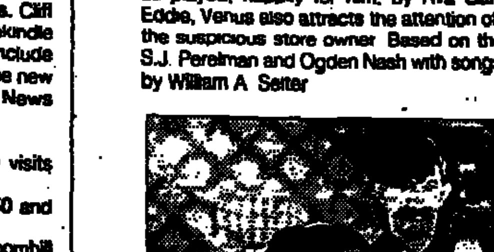


God-fearing law enforcers: the South African police (9.30pm)

9.30 Inside Story: Children of God.
● CHOICE. We are not told, in Stephen Lambert's wince-making documentary, what divine authority exists for the Cape Town riot unit arm of the South African police to claim that they have been *called by God to obey His laws, and carry out His orders* If they are right, there must have been a failure in communication because, according to one sergeant who took part in the bloody shoot-to-kill "Wooden Horse" operation two years ago, it took him five years after speaking to the Lord to get some peace back into his mind. The reason the South African police are hated, explains one of them, is not because of what they actually *do* but because of what the media says they do Read that in the context of what another officer says about his job ("Shooting? I love it!"), and it becomes clear that these God-fearing law enforcers – black as well as white *— must think the rest of us have taken leave of our senses.* (Ceefax)
10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider Tonight's action includes snooker previews and predictions for the world snooker championship, which begins this weekend, with a profile of the champion, Stephen Hendry Also boxing from the Royal Albert Hall, presented by Harry Carpenter Pat Barrett defends his *European light welterweight title against Mark McCreath of* Belgium and there are highlights from the semi-finals of the George Wimpey ABA championships. There will also be highlights of the Poland v Turkey clash, which could have an effect on the fortunes of England and the Republic of Ireland in the European Championship qualifying tournament. 12.00 Weather

BBC 2

7.10 Open University. Limestones in southwest England Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Film: Mexican Spitfire's Elephant (1942, b/w). Third comedy adventure of the week starring Lupe Velez as the fiery Mexican housewife, *Carmelita* Directed by Leslie Goodwins
10.00 Film: One Touch of Venus (1948, b/w). A satirical comedy starring Robert Walker as department store window dresser Eddie Hatch. One day he kisses *a statue of Venus and she comes to life* as played, happily for him, by Ava Gardner Unfortunately for Eddie, Venus also attracts the attention of his jealous fiancée and the suspicious store owner Based on the Broadway musical by S.J. Perelman and Ogden Nash with songs by Kurt Weill Directed by William A Seiter

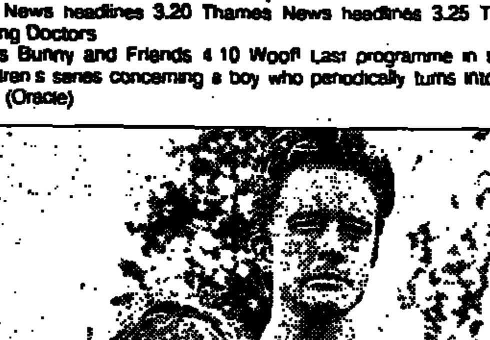


Three's a crowd: Hardy, Finlayson and Laurel (11.20am)

11.20 Film: Our Relations (1936, b/w).
● CHOICE Just before noon, every day this week, BBC2 has been *doing one of two things* either stretching to snapping point the tolerance of viewers for whom Laurel and Hardy are anathema or – and this has to be the majority view, otherwise the nation's done for – reminding us yet again that Stan and Ollie are the ever-dependable oases in the desert of television comedy. Since, in *Our Relations*, they play themselves and their twin brothers, the case for saying that you can't have too much of a good thing is *conclusively proved The film's roots lie in Shakespeare* and Plautus, but the credits mention a 20th century fertiliser, the W W Jacobs short story *The Music Box* Unlike *The Bohemian Girl* (screened this Friday), which diverts the comedy into musical channels and nearly drowns it in the process, *Our Relations* lets it flow freely and hilariously along its old traditional course
12.35 After Hours. American magazine programme 12.50 Wild *Westerns: Serials. Western expert Tony Thomas introduces* extracts from Saturday matinée cliffhangers such as *The Painted Stallion* and *Riders of Death Valley* (r)
1.20 Tales of Aesop Tom Baker reads *The Lion and the Mouse* (r) 1.25 What's Inside With Floella Benjamin and children from East Acton First School (r) 1.35 Country File American farmers' fears (r)
2.00 News followed by weather followed by Muggeridge – Ancient and Modern: A Journey Through the Twentieth Century. The last of this series about the life and times of the celebrated journalist and broadcaster Malcolm Muggeridge (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.45 News, regional news and weather
3.55 Racing from Cheltenham continued from BBC1 The 4.00 race
4.15 Made By Man: Basketmaker. The skills that go into *basketmaking (r) 4.30 Plunder. Politician David Owen sifts* through the archives with the help of Emma Freud Clips include John Cleese's amusing explanation of proportional representation for the SDP
5.00 News followed by Holiday Outings Italian lakes (r) 5.10 Horizon: The First Americans (r) (Ceefax)
6.00 Star Trek: The New Generation – Elementary, Dear Data. *Space-age adventures of the new crew of the starship Enterprise.* (Ceefax)
6.50 DEF II begins with Reportage Actress Winona Ryder is interviewed about her new project, *Mermaids*, due to be released later this year 7.40 Rapido The latest news and views from the world of popular music, presented by Antoine de Caunes Features Ziggy Marley, the Nelsons and David Halliday
8.10 Antenna. *The Backroom Boys* investigates the public image of British science and asks why so many domestic inventions are commercially exploited abroad. *A Key to the Past* demonstrates *how DNA testing is helping to solve crime, while Perspective* focuses on the relationship between science and the military in the Soviet Union
9.00 M*A*S*H: That's Showbiz Stranded army entertainers ensure that Hawkeye (Alan Alda) has his hands full (r)
9.25 Sleepers: The Net Tightens. Comedy drama serial starring Nigel Havers and Warren Clarke as two long-forgotten, by the KGB, *Soviet spies based in Britain.* (Ceefax)
10.15 Fifth Column Series in which public figures offer their sometimes controversial views on topical subjects
10.20 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow
11.15 The Late Show Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University Arts Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Recently, the law has been changed to allow adopted children to trace their real parents if they so desire John Stapleton and his audience debate whether this is a good idea
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series
12.10 Allsorts. Children's entertainment (r).
12.30 News and weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A *Country Practice.*
2.20 Take the High Road. Scottish drama series set in the Highlands 2.50 Jumble. Game show hosted by Jeff Stevenson
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors
3.55 Bugs Bunny and Friends 4.10 Woof! Last programme in the children's series concerning a boy who periodically turns into a dog (Oracle)

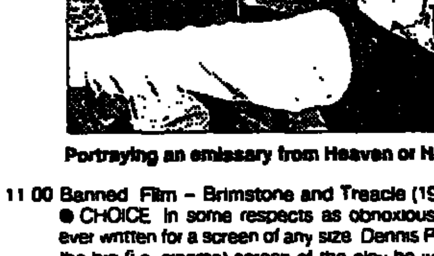


Charles and Di: Danielle Tilley and Mark Dexter (4.40pm)

4.40 Palace Hill. New series of the school comedy starring Mark Dexter and Danielle Tilley
5.10 Blockbusters hosted by Bob Holness
5.40 News with Carol Barnes (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with more crime prevention advice
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel corners another unsuspecting celebrity and tells him/her what is already well known
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Film: The First Great Train Robbery (1978) Michael Crichton's *glossy adaptation of his novel concerning an elegant trio that plots* to rob a truly disgusting amount of gold from a British army payroll train on its way to the Crimean war The freewheeling Victorian perpetrators are played by Sean Connery Donald Sutherland and Lesley-Anne Down, who romp through the dirty deed with all the bravado, cunning and derring-do that is required by the ingenious plan cooked up for the heist. All in all, a winning caper movie, *beautifully shot against the backdrop of the British countryside* Directed by Michael Crichton
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Alastair Stewart (Oracle) 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 Film: Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide (1983) Polished whodunit from the pen of the queen of mystery The beautiful but unfaithful wife of a successful attorney dies from cyanide poisoning during her anniversary party *A note found after her* death leads the police to believe that it was a case of suicide However murder cannot be ruled out and as is the custom everyone attending the party hides a motive for the dirty deed Stars Anthony Andrews Deborah Raffin and Josef Sommer Directed by Robert Lewis (Oracle)
12.25am Visions Repeat showing of the religious magazine programme
12.55 Film: Death Car on the Freeway (1979) Thriller involving a plucky television reporter who spots a pattern linking a series of suspicious car accidents in which a number of attractive young *women have been killed Stars Shelley Hack and George* Hamilton Directed by Hal Needham
2.45 Videofashion. A survey of the spring/summer collections of London's top designers
3.10 America's Top Ten presented by Tommy Puett and Casey Casem
3.40 Quiz Night. The pub and club quiz show hosted by Martin Roberts
4.10 Stephen King's This Is Horror Best-selling horror novelist *Stephen King explores the macabre world of zombies*
4.40 Soccer in the 70s. Gary Lineker looks back at the memorable season of 1973-74 with soccer stars of the Seventies John Hollins. David Webb, and Harry Redknapp
5.10 Fifty Years On. Newsreels of April 1941
5.30 ITN Morning News Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 *The Channel Four Daily*
9.25 The Flying Doctors Third and final part of the drama about Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service (r)
11.15 Break Soviet cartoon
11.30 Transantarctica Adventure Sails of the Pole The story of a six-person expedition across Antarctica
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street Entertaining learning for pre-school children
2.00 Road Dreams The latest stage of Elliott Bristow's 500,000 mile *12-year American odyssey takes him through* Iowa Detroit Washington DC and on to the Jersey shoreline (r)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.10 races
4.30 Fifteen-to-One Quick fire quiz show hosted by William G Stewart
5.00 The Adventures of TinTin Episode ten of *Shooting Star* (r)
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show An edition devoted to a controversial dating agency named *Opposites Attract*
6.00 A Different World Whitley's Last Supper American campus comedy series
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross *Tonight's guests include American* actor Mel Gibson currently starring in the latest screen *Hamlet*
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow (Teletext)
7.50 A–Z of Censorship The letter L comes under scrutiny Does L stand for Liberty Law or Language?
8.00 Brookside Liverpudlian soap (Teletext)
8.30 Banned Dispatches
● CHOICE *'I want to know if I'm living next door to something that* could wipe me and my family out' says the woman who works for the American agency that in a flash tells her and all other Americans what they want to know For the cost of a phone call to the data bank of Washington's Environmental Protection Agency anyone can find out which companies are dumping which toxic chemicals into which part of the environment There's no waiting to *learn the best or worst So there's no excuse* if it's the latter for Americans not to rise up as all good citizens anywhere should and demand their rights to a poison-free existence But try getting to the toxic truth in Britain says this *Dispatches* investigation and the high thick wall of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 will rise up and bar your way British chemical companies need make only selected documents available to the public And when facts and *figures are supplied* they can be as meaningless to the layman as a mass of hieroglyphics
9.15 Re-Play All About Laura This series of short plays by female writers new to television continues with a drama by Paula Khan about a suicidal teenager (Jackie Morrison) returning to a seaside town she first visited as a child (r)
9.30 Free for All Includes Terry Whitlock a former pickpocket and burglar with his contribution to Crime Prevention Week
10.00 The Golden Girls Enjoyable American sitcom about four Miami matrons (r) (Teletext)
10.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out More off-the-wall humour with cult comedians *Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer plus another* appearance by the Man with the Stick



Portraying an emissary from Heaven or Hell? Sting (11.00pm)

11.00 Banned Film – Brimstone and Treacle (1982)
● CHOICE In some respects as obnoxious as anything he has ever written for a screen of any size Dennis Potter's adaptation for the big (i e cinema) screen of the play he wrote originally for the small (i e television) screen and for years held to be unfit for BBC *viewers to watch has now finished up on the small screen again* as part of Channel 4's *Banned* season Some viewers sickened by the sight of the young lodger (Sting) raping the bedridden girl (Suzanna Hamilton) whose parents' home he insinuates himself into, won't care a jot whether Potter intended the rapist to be seen as an emissary from Hell – there is more than one clue that suggests this – or whether he was implying that the youth could *equally well have been sent from Heaven There's more than one* bit of evidence to suggest this too He could scarcely be a hybrid
12.40am The Martyrdom of St Sebastian As a precursor to a screening of Derek Jarman's film about the life St Sebastian this documentary explores the varying attitudes towards and images of this persecuted man killed in a hail of arrows Ends at 1.40

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25-7.00pm Anglia News 12.25pm Gilberts Late 12.55 Quiz *Night 1.25 Film: One Million Years BC 3.15* Raw Power 4.15 Fifty Years On 4.35 Farming Diary 5.00-5.30 Nashville Swing

BORDER
As London except: 1.50pm Jumble 2.20-3.55 Scottish Question Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.30am Night Heat 1.25 Donahue 2.20 Video View 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Film. Forbidden to Know 5.25-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25-7.00pm Central News 12.30am Donahue 1.20 Stevie Nicks 2.05 Pick of the Week 2.35 Invitation to Remember: Glenda Jackson 3.05 *60 Minutes* 4.05-5.30 Jobs

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters 2.20 Scottish Question Time 3.25-3.55 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.30am Night Heat 1.25 Donahue 2.20 Video View 2.05 60 Minutes 3.45 Film: Forbidden to Know 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 6.30-7.00pm Granada Tonight 12.00 Night Heat 1.25am Donahue 2.20 Video View 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Film Forbidden to Know 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50-2.20pm The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.25am Friday the 13th 1.25 Top Ten 1.55 Donahue 2.55 Schmanelo 4.25 An Invitation to Remember Glenda Jackson 4.55-5.30 Jobs

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Jumble 2.20-3.55 Scottish Question Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-*7.00 Haggis Agus* 12.30am Scottish Question Time 1.40 Top Club 2.10 Quasar 3.50 Film. Detector 5.20-5.30 Jobs

TSW
As London except: 2.20-2.50pm Farmhouse Kitchen 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.30am Night Heat 1.25 Donahue 2.20 Videos 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Film. Forbidden to Know 5.25-5.30 Jobs

TVS
As London except: 1.50-2.20pm The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.25am Film: The Devil Rides Out 2.10 Donahue 3.05 Night Heat 4.05 Extra Dimensions 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50-2.20pm Up Country 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Trailblazers 12.30am Night Heat 1.25 Donahue 2.20 Video View 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Film Forbidden to Know 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50-2.20pm Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's the Boss? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Evacuees 11.10 Kojak 12.10am Pop Profile 12.30 Night Heat 1.25 Donahue 2.20 Video View 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Film: Forbidden to Know 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except 5.10-5.40pm Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.25am Dirty Dancing 12.55 In the Heat of the Night *1.50 Quiz Night 2.20* How Was It For You? 2.50 Comedy Tonight 3.20 Music Box 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Film: Stowaway 12.00 Special 12.10pm Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Road Dreams 2.30 Racing from Newmarket 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno *6.00 Newyddion 6.10* Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Ar Y Tir 8.00 Nature Watch 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Now You're Talking 9.20 *Short and Curlies 9.35 Banned The Cross* 10.35 Banned Monty Python's Life of Brian 12.25am Re-Play 12.40 The Martyrdom of San Sebastian 1.40 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.45pm Dail Report 1.00 News 1.35 Better Than New 2.00 Sam 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Hanney 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 No Job For A Lady 7.25 Tex Avery Cartoon 7.35 Mac-*Gyver 8.30 Racnarc 9.00 News 9.30 Bibi* 10.30 Wednesday Report 11.30 Highwayman 12.20am News 12.30 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 12.35pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Pobal in Deutschland 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 *News 8.05 This Is Your Life 8.35* Who's the Boss? 9.00 Cheers 9.30 News followed by Taggart 10.25 Nighthawks 11.05 News

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Dealer Channel 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Anything for Money 8.00 "V" 9.00 Equal Justice 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Twist in the Tale 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Roving Report 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Roving Report 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Roving Report 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Words by Heart (1985) Turn-of-the-century tale of racial prejudice
12.00 Deadly Game (1986) A high school student builds a fully armed nuclear device
2.00pm Shock Treatment (1981) Sequel to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
4.00 Mystery Mansion (1983) A pioneer family's descendants hunt for stolen loot
5.35 Carry on Laughing Highlights from the *Carry On* movies
6.00 The Witching of Ben Wagner (1989) A boy befriends a girl, whose mother is thought to be a witch Starring Sam Bottoms, Harriet Hails and Bettina Rae
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Batman (1989) Starring Michael Keaton as the caped crusader of Gotham City and Jack Nicholson as the Joker
10.00 The Battle of the Blockbusters Viewers can vote for either Frantic (1988), Roman Polanski's Hitchcockian thriller starring Harrison Ford as an American doctor who loses his wife in Paris or Tequila Sunrise (1988) Mel Gibson's semi-reformed drug dealer becomes involved with an old friend and cop (Kurt Russell) and romantically entangled with Michelle Pfeiffer
12.00 Talking Walls (1983) A young sociology student uses video equipment to *spy on couples checking in at a seedy motel*
1.20am Invasion Earth The Aliens Are Here! (1988) An excuse to show extensive footage of classic science-fiction "B" movies such as *The Brain from Planet Arous*
2.40 They Live (1988) A special pair of sunglasses reveals to the wearer the unearthly faces of those in power
4.15 Deepstar Six (1989) A giant man eating crustacean preys upon a team of deep sea researchers Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Marcopolo satellite From 8pm, via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Leadbelly (1976) Biopic about the legendary blues guitarist
8.15 Adam's Rib (1949 b/w) Comedy starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn as married lawyers
10.15 Angels with Dirty Faces (1939 b/w) Childhood friends (James Cagney and Pat O'Brien) grow up and apart, the former becoming a gangster and the latter a priest
12.15pm Codename Emerald (1985) A Nazi double agent (Ed Harris) is caught up in a plot to kidnap the man who holds the Allies plans for the D-day invasion
2.15 A Fine Mess (1985) Comedy starring Ted Danson and Howie Mandel
4.15 The Gift (1979) A sailor returns to his old Brooklyn neighbourhood at Christmas
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 Plain Clothes (1988) A cop goes undercover at his old high school to investigate the murder of a teacher
8.15 The Electric Horseman (1979) A rodeo rider (Robert Redford) steals a thoroughbred horse and is pursued by reporter Jane Fonda
10.15 Videodrome (1982) Surrealistic horror film about a plot to subjugate the public's free will through hallucinogenic television
11.50 Steaming (1984) Four women discuss their lives and loves at a public steam bath Starring Vanessa Redgrave
1.25am Joyriders (1988) A woman embarks on a cross-Ireland trip to freedom
3.05 In Love and War (1987) A Vietnam PoW's wife fights to gain recognition for her husband's plight. Ends at 4.40

THE SPORTS CHANNEL
● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.00pm Boxing 4.00 Super Cross 5.00 Hydroplaning 6.00 Surfing Magazine 6.30 WWF Wrestling Challenge 7.30 Live Europe an Football 11.30 The IBM ATP Tennis Magazine 12.30am Football

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 Ice Skating Post Championships Gala 10.00 European Cup Snooker 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 European Cup Snooker 1.00pm German Touring Class 2.00 Men's European Cup Basketball 4.00 NHL Ice Hockey 5.00 Darts Champion of Champions semi-finals 5.30 Cycling Flesche Wallone 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Transworld Sport 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Judo Masters 10.30 Darts Champion of Champions final 11.30 European Open Snooker 1.30am Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am PGA Golf 8.00 Hippodrome French Horse Racing 8.30 Fight Night at the Forum 10.00 Stop-NHRA Drag Racing 11.00 Tenpin Bowling 12.15pm Go 1.15 US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 2.00 Show Jumping 3.00 Spanish Football Highlights 3.30 US Pro Boxing 5.00 Stop-Supercross 8.00 Golf Masters from Augusta 9.00 Motor Sport Nascar 10.00 NHL Ice Hockey 12.00 Baseball

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday, work out 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New? 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Film Tarzan in Manhattan (1989) 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Phyllis 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Delius (A Song before Sunrise. RPO under Beecham); Rachmaninov (Vocalise: American SO under Stokowski), Chopin (Fantasy on Polish Airs Philharmonia under Mamner)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Schubert (Overture, Rosamunde: COE under Abbado); Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 71 No 2: Amadeus Quartet); Arensky (Violin Concerto in A minor: Leningrad PO under Chernushenko, with Sergei Stadler)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: The Scarlattis. A. Scarlatti (Concerto in E minor); D. Scarlatti (Sonata in D, Kk 140); A. Scarlatti (Serenata, Endimione e Cintia, Sonata terza in C minor); D Scarlatti (Stabat Mater)
9.35 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe Rossini (Wind Quartet No 1 in F: Consortium Classicum), Saint-Saëns (Requiem, Op 54. Soloists. Ile de France National Orchestra under Jacques Mercier, organ), W. Corbett (Sonata in E, Op 3 No 5. English String Orchestra under Boughton, with John Wallace, trumpet); Kabalevsky (Eight Preludes, Op 38: Ozan Marsh, piano); Dvorák (Symphony No 5 in F: Berlin PO under Kubelik), Raff (La Fileuse, Etude, Op 157 No 2: Lyn Garland, piano), Bizet (Chanson d'avril, Op 21 No 1: Maggie Teyte, soprano, Gerald Moore, piano)
11.40 Strauss and Shostakovich: Scottish CO under Grant Llewellyn performs Strauss (Duet Concertino); Shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 2 in F), Strauss (Suite, Le bourgeois gentilhomme) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall Live from Broadcasting House, London. Ilona Ruhemann, flute, Richard Hand, guitar, perform Pierre Max Dubois (Classiquement vôtre), Ibert (Pièce); Stephen Dodgson (In Search of Folly), Brouwer (Elogio de la danza); Astor Piazzolla (The History of the Tango)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years From the *Thirties and Forties, the* soprano Maggie Teyte sings French songs, including Debussy (Fêtes galantes, first series: with Alfred Cortot); Ravel (Shéhérazade)
4.00 Choral Evensong Live from Southwark Cathedral
5.00 Gods and Demons John Thorniley with the last of three programmes about music of belief and ritual
5.30 *Mainly for Pleasure*
7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear
7.30 Russian Miniatures: Mussorgsky (Gopak: USSR SO under Svetlanov); Stravinsky (Concertino: Alban Berg Quartet); Mosolov (Iron Foundry: Russian Song Chorus of USSR TV and Radio)
7.45 Soviet Spring: Live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, as part of the South Bank's Russian Spring Festival. London Sinfonietta under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky performs Tishchenko (Symphony No 3 – UK premiere. London Sinfonietta Voices), Firsova (Chamber Concerto No 4. Michael Thompson, horn) 8.25 Coming and Going in Moscow *Christopher Hope looks at the* capital's airport and its eccentric hotels 8.45 Smirnov (Jacob's Ladder – world premiere). Schnittke (Concerto for piano, four hands, and chamber orchestra. Viktoria Postnikova and Irina Schnittke, pianos)
9.45 The Anglican Communion: Bonds of Affection. The first of *three programmes assessing* the life and future of the Anglican Communion. Dr David Edwards, Provost of Southwark, examines the contrasting social, religious and political contexts of Kenya and the United States
10.30 Camerata Köln, with Gotthold Schwarz, bass performs Fasch (Sonata in B flat); Telemann (Cantata, Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen) Bach (Sonata in G, BWV 1039), Graupner (Sonata in B minor), Fasch (Cantata, Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt) Telemann (Flute and Violin Concerto in A minor)
11.30 News
1.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Sibelius (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 *News Briefing* Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves
10.00 News. Gardeners Question Time A postbag edition (r)
10.30 Morning Story Jasmine, by Muhammad al Murr. Read by Sam Dastor
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; File on 4 (r)
11.42 Remembering Jane Austen: *Derek Parker presents the* third of four programmes based on James Austen-Leigh's (Paul Rogers) memoirs *of his aunt* (Joanna David) (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Confidential Agent: The first of a three-part *dramatisation* by James Saunders of Graham Greene's thriller An academic (Charles Kay) is sent to Britain to purchase coal for his beleaguered Middle-European government. (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News. Woman's Hour Sue Margolis investigates how the tabloid and the quality newspapers compare in their treatment of sex, there is a *report on the latest* contraceptive methods, and a discussion on responsible tourism
3.00 News, *Resting*
● CHOICE John Graham's comedy features four pillars of the English stage pretending to be elderly actors confined to a rest home, not retired but "resting". As they reminisce they reveal themselves to be snobbish, forgetful, suspicious and all slightly dotty The subsidiary characters – *matron, doctor vicar maid* – are all addressed but never speak, which allows the four stars to have their heads *Wendy Hiller Googie Withers* Michael Denison and Jimmy Jewel (despised because he was a variety artist) all enjoy themselves enormously But hard to imagine any of them ending up in a place like Rosewood Hall (s)
3.47 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen. Jill Burridge investigates what impact local management of schools will have on book-buying policy
4.00 News
4.05 Grand Tour In the second of six programmes, the South African novelist Nadine Gordimer reflects on the vibrant and sometimes violent city of Johannesburg (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of Franco Zeffirelli's film *Hamlet*, starring Mel Gibson; and the musical *Matador* at the Queens Theatre; and John Bergman of Geese Theatre talks to Judy Meweezen about theatre for prisoners (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News, Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1991 (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 *The Archers*
7.20 Age to Age (r)
7.45 All in the Mind (r)
8.15 Literature Is My Mistress, Medicine My Wife: The Hero Either Marries or Shoots Himself! David Suchet stars as the Russian playwright Anton Chekhov (s) (r)
8.45 In Business Cheerful Personality Required How reliable are the personality, or psychometric, tests that employers put job applicants through? (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime Tuppence for the Rainbow, by Leslie Sands (final part)
11.00 Magic Moments Shrink to Fit The fourth of five programmes exploring the origins of popular cultural phenomena Nigel Fountain examines whether Levi's jeans once perceived as a sign of rebellion, are now just a sign of conformism
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW 5.00am Gary King 8.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Cliff Morgan 2.00 Sarah Kennedy 4.00 Joe Brown 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Are You Sitting Comfortably? Leslie Crowther presents the nostalgia quiz 7.30 Edmundo Ros The bandleader introduces his favourite Latin sounds 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 9.00 Nigel Ogden The Organist Entertains 9.30 Myself When Young *Colin Moynihan MP 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz* Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 8.30 News Sport 9.30 Soundwaves (r) 10.00 News, Sport 10.03 Parent to Parent Single mothers discuss parenthood 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 The Family Business 0345 909 693 incl 11.00 12.00 News, Sport 12.30pm Education Matters 1.00 News Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 2.30 World Service Discovery 3.00 News 3.01 Racing from Newmarket (3.05) Ladbroke European Free Handicap (3.35) Earl of Sefton EBF Stakes (4.10) Joyes Bloo Handicap 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 The Kingdom by the Sea, by Robert Westall (3 of 10) 7.35 Spinning Stars . . . Ariea, the Golden Ram, by Peter Thomson 8.00 Champion Sport 9.30 The Leading Edge 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Earshot, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in *English and French 5.47 British Press Review* 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours, News and Financial News 8.30 Development '91 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Growing Points in Medicine 9.30 *Double Bill 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 Country Style 10.30 Mediawatch* 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.00pm News About Britain 12.30 Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Cue for Song 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 *Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf* Vedi 3.45 Business Matters 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 5.45 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Demière 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Assignment 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 From Our Own Correspondent 11.20 Counterpoint 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Cooking the Books 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The A-Z of . . . Food and Drink 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 Farming World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Assignment 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Assignment 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Director was a master of both suburban love stories and wide-screen drama

Lean, a giant of the cinema

David Lean, who died yesterday, was a major figure in British film making for 50 years. The Times film critic, Geoff Brown, assesses his career

Lean's legacy: John Howard Davies and Robert Newton in *Oliver Twist* (top left), Omar Sharif and Peter O'Toole in *Lawrence of Arabia*, (middle) Sessue Hayakawa and Alec Guinness in *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, (above, left) and Brenda de Banzie, Charles Laughton and John Mills in *Hobson's Choice* (above, right). Top right: David Lean on the set of *A Passage to India*

THE landscape of British cinema will never look quite the same again after the death of David Lean. He brought a distinctive brand of quality, taste, integrity, emotional restraint and intelligence.

In *Brief Encounter* he waded through the emotional whirlpool of a suburban love affair with extraordinary finesse; while his Dickens films of the late Forties raised the cinematic art of literary adaptation to a level that few others approached.

Some critics carped at his later transition to an international director of enormous, wide-screen sumptuous epics. But his grasp of character and narrative sweep kept cinema audiences contented. Whichever way you look, he was a giant.

Lean began in the business as an film editor. The training proved crucial: the shots in his films were always well-chiselled, carefully placed for maximum effect. He was preeminently a technician, a wizard with images.

His hallmarks can be spotted even in his first film as director, *In Which we Serve*, co-directed with Noel Coward in 1942. Coward, who wrote the script, supplied the crisp structure. But it was Lean who drove the film forward, offsetting the set-piece exchanges with sharp scenes of naval warfare.

Lean's early career flourished under Coward's umbrella; he directed pleasant adaptations of *This Happy Breed* and *Blithe Spirit*. Yet his handling of *Brief Encounter* proved his quality once and for all. Lean's special gift was to make the ordinary powerfully memorable, to suggest the depths of frustration, hope, and despair

Lean's nose for the atmospheric setting proved crucial to the Dickens films that followed. *Great Expectations* brought a huge social panorama to life. *Oliver Twist* carved a bolder stylistic path.

These post-war years were the glory days of British cinema. The industry came out of the war with its head held high, and Lean's films played a large part in the renaissance. When the boom period faded in the early Fifties, some of Lean's sparkle faded too. Yet his craftsmanship remained impeccable.

By moving up to the international, globe-trotting sphere of directors, Lean traded in some of his cogency for wide-screen bedazzlement. Yet his acute understanding of the British character brought a sharp edge to *The Bridge on the River Kwai*. His films became fewer and longer. *Lawrence of Arabia*, ravishingly photographed by Freddie Young, displayed consummate mastery of the wide screen. *Dr Zhivago* transferred Pasternak's novel to the screen with undoubted panache, but *Ryan's Daughter* showed the pitfalls of marrying a vast canvas to a wisp of material. Fourteen years later, *A Passage to India* showed Lean's love of big moviemaking was undiminished.

Whatever the final judgment on his last films, Lean's best work will provide a bench-mark for the achievements of British cinema. A colossus has gone.

Political sketch

Swapping sides on the action front

AS MILITARY intervention in northern Iraq serves no conceivable British interest, the left is warming fast to the idea. Paddy Ashdown yesterday demanded "action now" on resolution 688, while Neil Kinnock stepped up pressure on ministers to contemplate force. Should force be used, let us hope that nothing valuable is discovered there, or Her Majesty's Opposition will demand the immediate withdrawal of imperialist troops.

Given "the agonies of the Kurdish people," said the Labour leader, would the prime minister agree that Saddam must answer the charge of 'genocide'? Mr Major replied that he had "asked for legal advice".

"Ditherer!" shouted a Labour MP.

Ditherer? Considering that Saddam would have to be dragged from his palace by our troops, it is to be hoped that the PM will dither a little longer.

During prime minister's questions yesterday, parliament demonstrated yet again its remarkable ability to talk all the way round a subject without mentioning the main event. The main event, here, is the United States. Barring the ghastly possibility that Mr Major is in such a rush to prove his decisiveness that he orders a lone attempt by the United Kingdom to occupy large tracts of Asia Minor, nothing can be done without Washington's permission. MPs all know that.

But nobody says it. MPs love arguing from first principles, unencumbered by inconvenient evidence of the practical difficulties. Only a spoilsport would point out that discussing the justice of military intervention is academic, until the Americans have been convinced. That thought hovered above the Chamber, yesterday, like a spectre which all could see, but none mentioned.

How near the surface is the international paternalist in all of us, of left and right! Imagine the *Belgian* parliament discussing what ought to happen in Iraq.

The grim debate was interrupted by an exchange between the prime minister and Labour's Jimmy Wray (Glasgow, Provan), concerning Mr Major's home address in Lambeth when he stood for the council there. Had he or hadn't he exaggerated the degree to which he was "living in" the borough? This must be a hot question on the mountaintops where Kurds are starving but the new PM has not yet learned to laugh off criticism which should be beneath his notice. He delivered an earnest rebuttal of Wray's charge. One begins to wonder whether, accused at PM's questions of taking three Weetabix instead of two, Mr Major would give a querilous, point-by-point defence of his breakfast habits.

We returned to genocide, via Ryedale (whose ex-bobby MP, John Greenway, C, reminded us of "the need to deter young people from committing criminal crime"), and northern Cyprus, where Islington's Jeremy Corbyn (Lab) wanted the Turks to withdraw from what nobody was tactless enough to call their safe haven there.

"Genocide" is this week's vogue-concept at Westminster. If Saddam were picking 'n mixing his victims randomly rather than concentrating on one race, that would be fine.

Before the war, the Opposition's position was that "sanctions should be given more time". The government's reply was that the world could hardly just wait and hope, when people were being murdered.

Somewhere in the night, in a sort of elegant and macabre minuet, the two parties seem to have swapped arguments.

MATTHEW PARRIS

New Chernobyl fears

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London that the team was considering building a second sarcophagus and filling reactor rooms at the lower levels with whisked concrete. These might only be short-term measures, however. The team is keen to find a solution to secure the site for 100 years, said Dr Buzulukov.

Without urgent action and technical assistance from the West an accident could occur at any time, the Soviet scientists say. In five to seven years, a radiological accident will not be just a theoretical probability. "We will live in constant expectation of it," said Alexander Borovoi, head of the expedition.

The scientists' concerns, and the first pictures from inside the sarcophagus, will be broadcast in a BBC *Horizon* programme next Monday night.

Refugees still flocking into Iran

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with increasing numbers of refugees suffering dehydration, severe exhaustion or injury from anti-personnel mines which hem them in on both sides of the road.

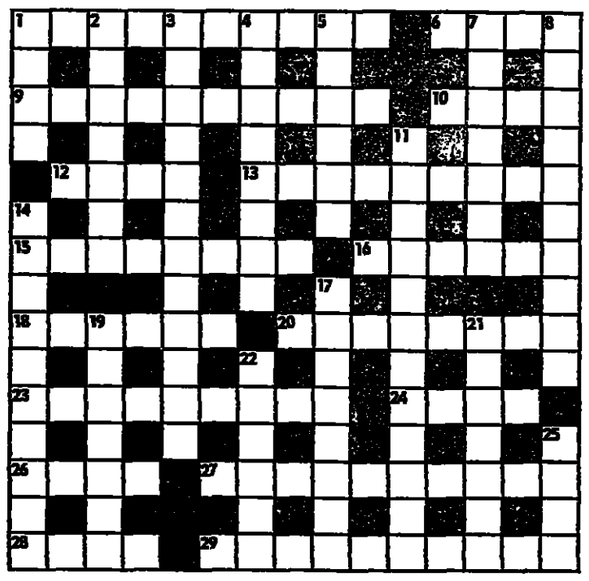
On Monday doctors in M Fages' team treated about 150 people, many with mine injuries which required amputations, at a clinic set up at the crossing. "Things are getting worse and worse on the border," he said. "It is getting more saturated with people and they are coming across slower, which is having a chain effect."

He added that refugees had told him that Iraqi forces had bombed them at the back of the queue on Monday, about 60 miles from the border. He did not know if there had been any injuries or deaths.

Other informed Western officials confirmed that Iranian soldiers opened fire on Saturday, wounding two refugees who had crossed into Iran to collect food and were attempting to run back into Iraq to take it to their families.

Hans Samnegard, the Swedish medical co-ordinator for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Iran who has been visiting the border, said he was expecting another huge influx of refugees in the coming days.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,582



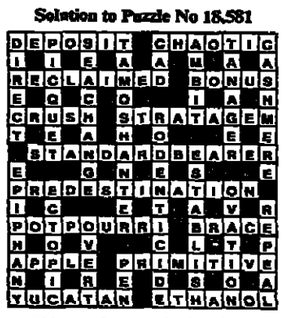
ACROSS

1 Part of watch is used (6-4).
6 After retirement, go round the bend (4).
9 Where Kitchener's men went to excess (4,3,3).
10 It's time I left seductive woman (4).
12 Talked of girl's wear (4).
13 They will get concerned about one innocent (4-5).
15 Pep up American soldiers (and English) following Frenchman about (8).
16 Bluff Henry VIII (6).
18 In prime time, only half turn over to Proms' opening (6).
20 Female striker gets rid of son to servant (8).
23 No. sixteen has built an extra room or two (9).
24 In general, I rarely see money (4).
26 Quickly turn into vapour black, viscous liquid (4).
27 Upset by family interrupting one's game (10).
28 Day and time engagement starts (4).
29 Devised new tape measure – it's five feet long (10).

DOWN

1 See 22 (4).
2 Crack cleric in charge in church (7).
3 Emphatically no love before action (7,5).
4 Taking no notice when they say he didn't have as much (8).
5 Nut – an ingredient of chow mein (6).
7 In love, take the trouble to call (7).
8 Mineral found in lake (10).
11 Engaging, accident-prone boy makes a bloomer (5-7).
14 He'd be after changing the mattress (7-3).
17 The old suffer under thin clothing (8).
19 Nationalist group participates in strike (7).
21 Red car carrying Brownies overturned (7).
22 26 police enter tall building (6).
25 One employing a devious ruse (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,581



Concise crossword, page19

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by seven per cent of the competitors at the 1991 Birmingham regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard.

DIRTY GIRL
a. An operating theatre nurse
b. A loose woman
c. A railway cattle truck

LADINO
a. An outdoor latrine
b. A fast ring dance
c. Spanish/Hebrew dialect

ICTERUS
a. Tremor in the voice
b. Jaundice
c. The rhubarb

COPESETIC
a. An ecclesiastical vestment
b. Fine or excellent
c. A horse emetic

Answers on page 20

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WEATHER

Scotland will be cloudy with wintry showers likely in the north and east and snow on hills. Eastern coasts of England will have some rain or sleet and will be cloudy at times. Most of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will stay dry and most places will have some sunshine. Northerly winds will be strong and cold and many southern areas in particular will feel much colder. Outlook: cold with bright spells

ABROAD

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	f	Majorca	17	63	f
Akrotiri	18	64	f	Malaga	16	61	f
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	17	63	f
Algiers	21	70	s	Melb'rne	17	63	f
Amst'dm	8	46	c	Miami*	28	82	f
Athens	18	64	r	Milan	18	64	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	10	50	c
Barcelona	14	57	c	Moscow	8	46	c
Belgrade	19	66	c	Munich	17	63	s
Berlin	7	45	c	Nairobi	26	79	f
Bermuda*	21	70	r	Naples	19	66	f
Biarritz	15	59	f	N Delhi	28	82	s
Borde'x	21	70	f	N York*	9	48	r
Brussels	10	50	f	Nice	19	66	s
Budapest	19	66	s	Oslo	9	48	f
B Aires*	24	75	c	Paris	14	57	s
Cairo	23	73	s	Peking	21	70	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Perth	30	86	s
C'blanca	15	59	c	Prague	8	46	s
Chicago*	13	55	s	Reykjavik	7	45	f
Ch'church	18	64	f	Rhodes	18	64	s
Cologne	9	48	c	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phagn	7	45	f	Riyadh	28	82	f
Corfu	19	66	s	Rome	20	68	s
Dublin	11	52	f	Salzburg	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	18	64	s	S Fr'isco*	13	55	f
Faro	15	59	c	Santiago*	19	66	f
Florence	19	66	f	S Paulo*	28	82	c
Frankfurt	13	55	s	Seoul	20	68	s
Funchal	20	68	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	17	63	s	St'kholm	9	48	f
Gibraltar	15	59	c	Strasb'rg	19	66	s
Helsinki	4	39	c	Sydney	19	66	s
Hong K	25	77	c	Tangier	14	57	r
Innsbrck	20	68	s	Tel Aviv	20	68	f
Istanbul	9	48	d	Tenerife	20	68	c
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	22	72	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Toronto*	8	46	r
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	19	66	c
L Palmas	19	66	f	Valencia	16	61	c
Le Tquet	9	48	c	Vanc'ver*	11	52	f
Lisbon	14	57	c	Venice	19	66	s
Locarno	19	66	s	Vienna	18	64	f
L Angeles*	16	61	c	Warsaw	9	48	f
Luxembg	11	52	s	Wash'ton*	11	52	c
Luxor	32	90	s	Wel'nton	17	63	c
Madrid	15	59	c	Zurich	17	63	s

* denotes figures are latest available

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Finland Mkk	7.60	6.85
France Fr	10.48	9.83
Germany Dm	3.11	2.91
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	14.55	13.65
Ireland Pt	1.163	1.093
Italy Lira	2310	2170
Japan Yen	257	240
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.28
Norway Kr	12.10	11.40
Portugal Esc	270.25	252.25
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
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USA $	1.88	1.755
Yugoslavia Dnr	38	26

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 12.6hrs.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.5	-	13	55	sunny
Anglesey	12.7	-	13	55	sunny
Aviemore	9.0	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	11.8	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	11.6	-	19	66	sunny
Buxton	11.1	-	11	52	sunny
Colwyn Bay	13.1	-	9	48	sunny
Douglas	13.6	-	14	57	sunny
Eskdalemuir	12.9	-	16	61	sunny
Exmouth	11.0	-	17	63	sunny
Falmouth	10.0	-	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	8.5	-	13	55	sunny
Hastings	9.8	-	15	59	sunny
Hunstanton	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	7.5	-	14	57	sunny
Leeds	4.6	-	14	57	bright
Lerwick	5.8	-	9	48	bright
Littlehampton	10.5	-	18	64	sunny
Lowestoft	0.3	-	8	46	fog
Minehead	6.9	-	14	57	sunny
Morecambe	13.0	-	14	57	sunny
Nottingham	9.4	-	12	54	sunny
Penzance	9.9	-	18	64	sunny
Poole	10.1	-	18	64	sunny
Sandown	11.9	-	15	59	sunny
Saunton Snd	12.2	-	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	8.3	-	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	9.4	-	13	55	sunny
Shanklin	11.1	-	17	63	sunny
Southend	5.2	-	15	59	sunny
Southsea	11.7	-	18	64	sunny
St. Ives	9.3	-	13	55	sunny
Stornoway	6.5	-	11	52	bright
Swanage	11.2	-	16	61	sunny
Teignmouth	9.4	-	15	59	sunny
Tenby	12.3	-	12	54	sunny
Tiree	9.7	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	11.4	-	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	11.1	-	17	63	sunny
Wick	3.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Worthing	10.7	-	18	64	sunny

These are Sunday's figures

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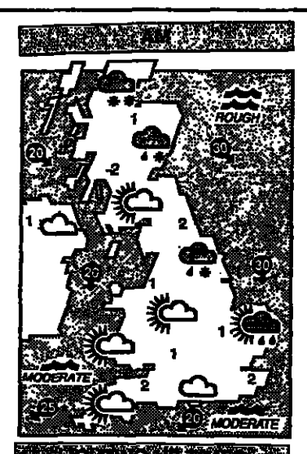

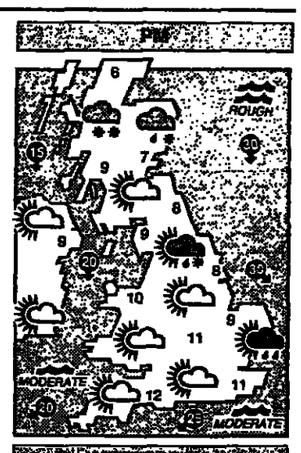

LIGHTING UP TIMES

London 8.0 pm to 6.0 am
Bristol 8.9 pm to 6.10 am
Edinburgh 8.23 pm to 6.1 am
Manchester 8.13 pm to 6.4 am
Penzance 8.19 pm to 6.24 am

Sun rises: 6.2 am — Sun sets: 8.0 pm
Moon rises: 6.52 am — Moon sets: 12.15 am

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 11.2 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	s	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mngham	10	50	f	Inverness	4	39	c
Blackpool	11	52	s	Jersey	11	52	f
Bristol	12	54	s	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	13	55	s	M'nchster	11	52	s
Edinburgh	8	46	f	Newcastle	6	43	c
Glasgow	11	52	s	R'ndaway	10	50	f

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: St Mawgan, Cornwall, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Cromer, Norfolk, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.03in; highest sunshine: Douglas, Isle of Man, 13.3hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.3	7.4	4.29	7.3	Liverpool	1.21	9.6	1.43	9.6
Aberdeen	3.34	4.2	3.51	4.3	Lowestoft			noon	2.4
Avonmouth	8.43	13.5	10.0	13.4	Margate	1.57	5.0	2.35	4.8
Belfast	1.7	3.4	1.28	3.4	Milford Haven	8.40	7.2	8.57	7.1
Cardiff	9.28	12.5	9.45	12.4	Newquay	7.30	7.2	7.48	7.1
Devonport	8.30	5.4	8.47	5.3	Oban	8.6	4.0	8.13	4.0
Dover	12.58	6.8	1.21	6.6	Penzance	7.31	5.5	7.49	5.4
Falmouth	8.00	5.3	8.17	5.1	Portland	9.36	2.2	9.49	2.1
Glasgow	3.8	4.7	3.32	4.6	Portsmouth	1.28	4.7	1.51	4.6
Harwich	2.4	4.1	2.30	4.0	Shoreham	1.21	6.4	1.47	6.3
Holyhead	12.20	5.7	12.43	5.7	Southampton	12.59	4.6	1.18	4.5
Hull	8.40	7.4	8.58	7.6	Swansea	8.45	9.8	9.1	9.7
Ilfracombe	8.26	9.4	8.41	9.3	Tees	5.59	5.4	6.16	5.5
King's Lynn	8.54	6.6	9.8	6.6					

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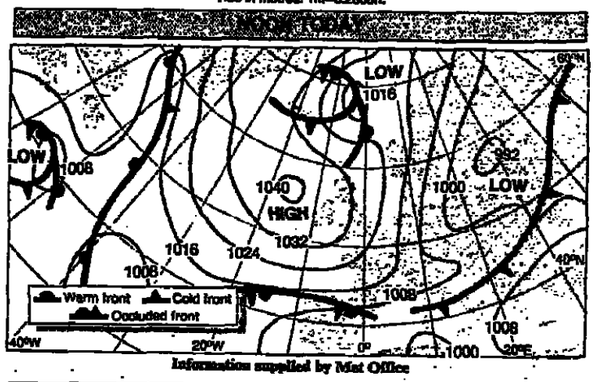

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BUSINESS

Business Editor
John Bell

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Royal to sell unit for £100m

ROYAL Insurance has agreed in principle to sell its 80 per cent-owned Royal Reinsurance subsidiary to General Reinsurance, America's biggest reinsurance specialist.

The final price has yet to be fixed but General Re is expected to pay about £100 million for the company, which has £67 million net assets and took £153 million of premiums in 1990.

Meanwhile, Tony Brend, chief executive of Commercial Union, told shareholders at the annual meeting that this will be another demanding year for the industry, which made record general insurance losses last year.

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Money review

THE Securities and Investments Board has proposed tighter rules for handling client money, as promised last year after the collapse of British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank.

The board said the bank's collapse had focused attention on rules that needed tightening, although client money had already been under review. Under the proposals, investment firms would have to inform clients if their money was held with banks in the same group, in order to limit exposure.

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LIT cuts loss

LIT Holdings, the financial services group, cut its pre-tax losses from £4.46 million to £344,000 last year after a reorganisation. The company, which has cut its debt from £51 million to £5.2 million in the past year, is still unable to pay the dividend on its quoted preference shares.

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Borland soars

Borland International, the American software company quoted in London, reports a 127 per cent surge in net income to $26.8 million for the year ended in March. Borland plans a public offer of 1 million shares, around 6 per cent of the enlarged capital, of which 900,000 will represent new money.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7890 (-0.0015)
German mark
2.9805 (-0.0177)
Exchange index
92.9 (-0.4)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1985.5 (-18.1)
FT-SE 100
2519.5 (-23.3)
New York Dow Jones
2951.24 (+18.07)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26813.30 (+117.77)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

JA Devenish	204p (+10p)
Misys	124p (+9p)
Sage Group	251½p (+16p)
Olive Holdings	100p (+15p)
Yorkshire Chem	459p (+20p)

FALLS:

J Sainsbury	378½p (-11p)
Sun Alliance	365p (-8p)
General Accident	533½p (-21p)
Commercial Union	515½p (-12p)
Carlton Comm	465½p (-12p)
Serra Group	335p (-14p)
McCarthy & Stone	87p (-10p)
Barclays	461½p (-14p)
SA Breweries	790p (-18p)
Grand Met	808½p (-8p)
Hardanger	60p (-25p)
Hawker Siddeley	586½p (-15p)
Liberty	530p (-65p)
Maxwell Comm	229½p (-9p)
Ultramar	323p (-9p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 11 29/32-11 15/16%
3-month eligible bills: 11 13/32-11 5/16%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.60-5.59%*
30-year bonds 96 18/16-97*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7890	£: $1.7890*
£: DM2.9805	$: DM1.6645*
£: SwFr2.5386	$: SwFr1.4175*
£: FFr10.0748	$: FFr5.6275*
£: Yen241.43	$: Yen134.85*
£: Index92.9	$: Index64.5
ECU £0.691033	SDR £0.763696
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close $360.85-361.35 (£201.50-202.00)
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NORTH SEA

Brent (May) ... $20.05 bbl ($20.45)
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RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 131.4 March (1987=100)

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Car chiefs to meet Lamont

Motor trade faces loss of £1bn in sales

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

THE heads of Britain's four biggest car companies will next week tell Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, that his Budget policies will cost the motor industry almost £1 billion of sales this year.

The heads of Ford, Rover, Peugeot Talbot and Vauxhall will tell Mr Lamont that his Budget is damaging the industry, losing sales of more than 100,000 new cars.

Sales are down by nearly a quarter this year as the industry suffers from high interest rates and dwindling business confidence.

Geoffrey Whalen, managing director of Peugeot Talbot, said yesterday that sales so far this month were down by more than a third after customers rushed to buy cars in March to beat value-added tax increases after the Budget.

Heads of the four companies, which make nearly 1 million cars annually, will demand cuts in special car tax, which nets more than £1.6 billion a year for the government, to offset the rise in VAT to 17.5 per cent.

Britain is the only European Community country to levy a special tax on cars of nearly 10 per cent, which added to VAT makes Britain one of the most highly taxed car-making nations in the EC. Taxes on cars in Germany are 14 per cent and in France 22 per cent.

Car sales in Britain have fallen from their 1989 record of 2.3 million to an expected 1.7 million this year. Car makers were hoping sales would reach more than 1.8 million but were forced to revise their estimates after the Budget.

Mr Whalen said that car makers were "furious" about the Budget imposition of above-inflation increases of 15 per cent in fuel taxes and 20 per cent on company car taxation.

He said that while the net increase in taxation to the Treasury was £1.4 billion, the motor industry and the motorist were paying an extra £1.8 billion to the Treasury this year.

Mr Whalen added: "We want the Chancellor to do something, specially about the the special car tax. We were forecasting sales for the industry of 1.8 or 1.85 million before the Budget, but they have been substantially revised to 1.7 million. Clearly, the imposition of extra VAT comes on top of the special tax on cars, which is unique in Europe and against every trend. We want the Chancellor to give some concessions on that tax and as soon as possible."

Lamont: plea on tax

Ford, which suffered badly last year, is worried that new car sales will fall to as low as 1.6 million this year, their lowest point since 1982.

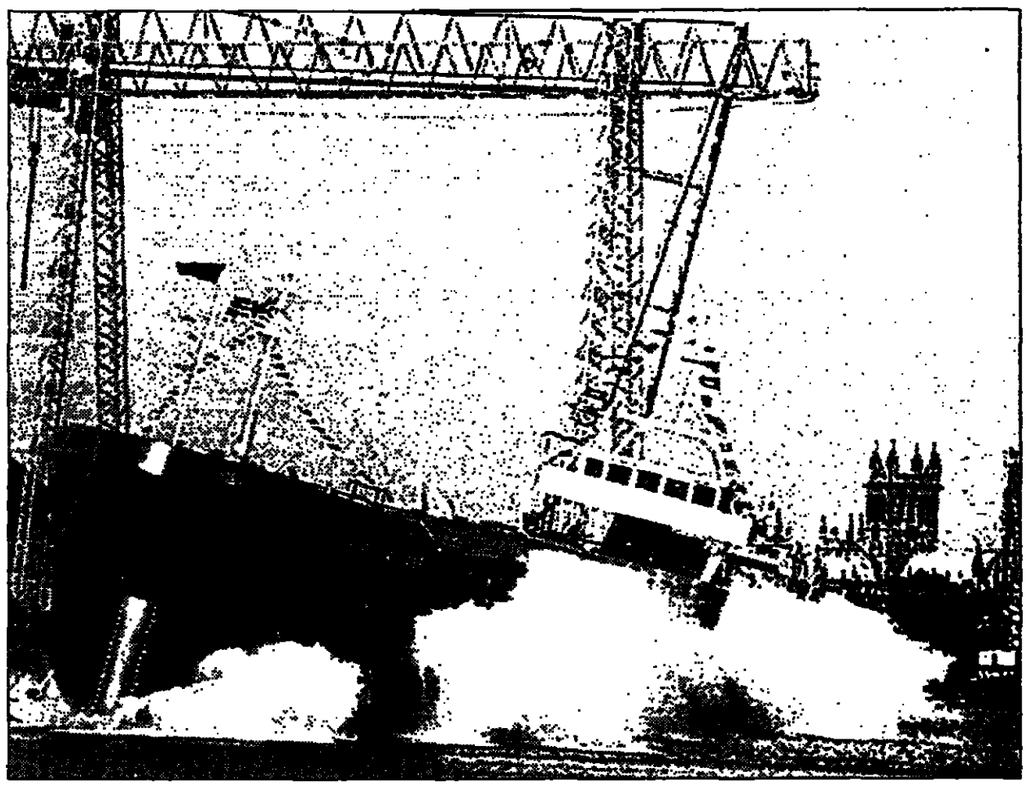
Derek Barron, Ford of Britain's chairman, will join Mr Whalen, George Simpson of Rover, and Paul Tosch of Vauxhall in putting their case to Mr Lamont. They will represent more than 100,000 workers in the industry and more than 1.6 million in dealerships and spin-off component makers.

Mr Whalen, who revealed pre-tax profits for Peugeot Talbot of £104 million, down from £123 million, for last year, forecasts a difficult year for car makers.

Peugeot has, however, retained its faith in the business based at Ryton, Coventry, by ordering a new car to be built at the plant, alongside the successful 405 range.

Production of the 405 model last year, at 116,000, was the highest for the plant since 1971, but will drop to 90,000 this year, according to company forecasts. Addition of a second model, a small car that will be a successor to the 309 small car, will take production back to a capacity of 125,000 cars a year, using the two shifts of the company's 4,500 manual workforce.

Peugeot Talbot, like other car companies, has been forced to run short-time working and has had to make 700 workers redundant, to survive the sudden drop in car sales during the recession.



Floating an idea: Short Sea Trader, a 100-metre coasting ship built by Cochrane Shipbuilders in the sight of Selby Abbey in Yorkshire, was launched yesterday. The vessel is the first to be ordered by Short Sea Europe, a company set up under the government's business expansion scheme. It will be operated by FT Everard and Sons

Rise in factory prices damps rate cut hopes

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

FACTORY gate prices, which the Bank of England considers the best guide to underlying inflation, rose more than expected in March, reducing the chances of a fresh cut in base rates before the local elections on May 2.

News of the disappointing output price data helped worsen market sentiment for the pound.

It dropped more than 3 pfennigs to about DM2.9647 before recovering to close at DM2.9805, down 1.77 pfennigs from Monday. Sterling's trade-weighted index ended 0.4 lower at 92.9.

Comments from top German monetary officials about keeping the mark firm and speculation about a Bundesbank tightening tomorrow drove the mark higher.

Shares went into retreat in London, the FT-SE 100 closing 23.3 lower at 2,519.5, mainly reflecting movements in the futures market.

The official producer price data showed that prices charged by manufacturers on the home market increased by a provisional 0.7 per cent in March, well above the 0.4 per cent rise the City had forecast, after an 0.4 per cent gain in February. Prices rose in most sectors in March. This left the annual increase stuck at 6.3 per cent, highlighting the lack of progress in reducing underlying inflation, while the retail price index is showing a dramatic slowdown in headline inflation.

The data contrasted with findings in the latest Confederation of British Industry survey, which showed fewer manufacturers expecting to raise prices than at any time in the past 16 years.

Julian Callow, economist at Chase Investment Bank, noted that over-indexed exise duties in the Budget accounted for a rise of 0.3 per cent in output prices in March. The rest was due to "stubborn core inflation".

"The inflation psychology has not been cracked," he said, predicting that factory gate prices could still be rising at an annual 5 per cent in the final quarter.

Adam Cole, economist at James Capel, said the figures suggested manufacturers were making a last-ditch effort to protect profit margins, despite the recession. He expected this policy would have only short-term success and saw the data suggesting that the next base rate cut should be delayed until mid-year.

Prices that manufacturers paid for fuel and raw materials rose an adjusted 0.6 per cent last month, largely reflecting the surge in the dollar, the currency in which most commodities are priced. Unadjusted input prices rose 0.2 per cent in March for a provisional 2.5 per cent annual fall, after a 2.2 per cent drop in the 12 months to February.

Labour market figures out tomorrow, which include data on average earnings and unit labour costs for February, should give more guidance as to progress against inflation, with analysts looking forward to a further slowdown in labour costs while average earnings continue to rise at an annual 9.5 per cent.

In America, official figures showed industrial production dropping 0.3 per cent in March, the sixth monthly decline in a row. The data are evidence of the economy remaining weak and are likely to increase pressure on the Federal Reserve to ease policy.

The Fed said capacity utilisation in American factories, mines and utilities fell to 78.7 per cent.

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'Don't tell exchange' jury hears at Arrow

By Angela Mackay

THE former chief executive of County NatWest Securities allegedly told the firm's finance director not to inform the Stock Exchange when CNWS briefly breached the 5 per cent disclosure rule, the jury in the Blue Arrow trial heard yesterday.

David McMullan, the finance director, said that a "bed and breakfast" deal in Blue Arrow shares at the end of November 1987 left CNWS holding more than 5 per cent of the company overnight. He said this should have been disclosed to the exchange within five days of the deal being done, but no disclosure was made until December 17.

In his evidence-in-chief, Mr McMullan told Nicholas Purnell, QC, prosecuting, that Peter Dale, chief executive of CNWS and deputy chief executive of County NatWest, "prevented" him from telling the exchange.

At the time, CNWS held just under 5 per cent of Blue Arrow spread over three books: the front market-making book, and the IT01 back book, while the bulk of the shares were held on the "back, back book".

Mr McMullan said he understood from a meeting held on September 29 with Philip Rimell, chairman of CNWS; Mark Potashnick acting head of market making; Nicholas Wells, one of the defendants who was an executive director of CNW, and one or two others, that the firm should liaise with UBS Phillips & Drew, which would also have a stake in Blue Arrow derived from the rump of the issue.

He said he did not know until December that County NatWest's corporate advisory division also had a stake of just under 5 per cent.

Three corporate defendants — County Natwest, its parent Natwest Investment Bank and UBS Phillips & Drew Securities — along with seven individuals, all deny conspiracy to dishonestly mislead the market over Blue Arrow's record £837 million rights issue made to finance the company's takeover of Manpower, its American rival.

The case continues today.

ADT and Laidlaw drop lawsuits

By Our City Staff

ADT, the car auction and security company chaired by Michael Ashcroft, and Laidlaw of Canada, its biggest shareholder, have agreed to drop their lawsuits against each other after ADT vowed to adopt North American corporate governance rules and to grant Laidlaw four seats on the board.

The compromise, struck yesterday at 4am New York time, was broadly in line with a peace offering made by ADT ten days ago, but at that stage the UK-listed but Bermuda-registered company was prepared to concede only three board seats to the Canadian waste services and motor group.

ADT will apply for its shares to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. This means that it must introduce quarterly reporting and establish an audit committee composed of independent non-executive directors.

The board will be largely reconstituted at the annual meeting of ADT's shareholders next month and will include five management directors, four Laidlaw nominees, four independent directors and two Bermuda-based directors. Mr Ashcroft will continue as a director of Laidlaw.

Two weeks ago, Laidlaw filed a complaint in America alleging ADT's directors had manipulated the share price by manufacturing sales of assets between ADT and subsidiaries. The Canadian company also alleged Mr Ashcroft had traded improperly in BAA shares, although this was later withdrawn because it was factually incorrect.

Skadden, Arps, Laidlaw's lawyer, last night filed an amendment to a schedule 13D notice with the Securities and Exchange Commission that explained that one of its designees to the ADT board will be William Stinson, chairman of Canadian Pacific.

The amendment said the independent audit committee will also review "matters and transactions" specified by Laidlaw to make sure they "fairly present the financial position and results" of ADT.

Hanson raises £500m

By John Bell

HANSON, the acquisitive industrial and mining company, has added to its £7 billion cash mountain with the successful launch of a £500 million tranche of convertible eurobonds.

The gain is temporary for Hanson intends to use the cash as part of a worldwide programme of reducing debt interest. The money raised yesterday at 9½ per cent will repay short-term bank borrowings on which Hanson is probably paying a little more than 12 per cent.

In the City, share traders took little heed of Hanson's stated intention and marked up shares said to be likely takeover targets. The issue was the second largest of convertible stock ever offered. Credit Suisse First Boston, the lead manager, organised the placing, which was completed in just 45 minutes. Co-managers were BZW, Rothschilds, Goldman Sachs and Salomon Brothers. Hoare Govett was broker to the issue.

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Awards from university of life

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE John Major university of life approach to education received the government seal of approval with the launch of a scheme to award paper qualifications for experience at work.

The aim is to help practising managers, many of them with few formal qualifications, assess their achievements and fill in the gaps with training courses. Job experience will substitute for part of the course work normally required for a certificate, diploma or masters qualification in management studies.

The initial graduates will, however, have to demonstrate their ability to master an astonishingly complex organisational structure.

Announcements about the scheme, launched yesterday, from the Management Charter Initiative and the employment department, contain no less than nine acronyms for qualifications and groups involved in organising the scheme. The employment department will pay £8.75 million to fund the first three years of candidate assessments, which will form the backbone of the "crediting competence" scheme.

Each participant will be guided in the completion of a 200-page folder detailing his or her experience. Self assessment will have to be backed by a statement from an employer, or the ability to demostrate competence. The assessment will be carried out by a training and enterprise council, a government-industry training body. Thirteen pilot centres have already been established. A network of 50 to 70 is envisaged, each dealing with up to 100 candidates a year.

The scheme aims at people of all ages and in all types of jobs. Management Charter says 65 per cent of British managers are aged over 35 and most have had little formal training.

All too often, it believes, companies concentrate on training graduate recruits and neglect the need to develop exisiting managers to cope with the changing demands on them.

Sir Bob Reid, the chairman of British Rail, which has been one of the first companies to take part in the scheme, has been closely involved in the initiative. He estimated that as many as 600,000 managers could benefit from the crediting competence scheme. If chargehands and other supervisors were to apply, the number could increase threefold.

During pilot studies, candidates ranged from a charity organiser hoping to change career to people with industrial experience in their late forties.

Sir Bob said: "There is a great individual appetite among people to enhance themselves."

Management Charter has 800 member employers. In the absence of a greater emphasis on formal education, they, at least, will now have little excuse for backsliding.

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Asset sales at B&C have raised £415m

By Angela Mackay

ADMINISTRATORS to British & Commonwealth, the collapsed financial services group, have so far raised £415 million from asset sales but are still struggling to sell the company's two biggest businesses. Exco International and British & Commonwealth Merchant bank.

As a result, Ernst & Young, the administrator, is considering a separate scheme of arrangement to try to free some funds for BCMB creditors, while SG Warburg, the merchant bank, and Rowe & Pitman, its stockbroking arm, have been retained to advise on the flotation of Exco, the money broking business.

If the Exco flotation is successful, it will be only the second time a healthy subsidiary has been hived off to the market while a parent was in trouble. The first instance was Rolls Royce Motors in the early Seventies. Decisions on both the BCMB scheme and Exco are expected next month.

Stephen Adamson, one of the administrators, said it was still too early to assess the likely return to creditors but he had not altered his view of last year that ordinary and preference shareholders in B&C will receive nothing. But he added that another scheme of arrangement would be put together to make the first distribution to B&C Holdings' creditors by the end of the year.

BCMB's depositors, who are owed about £150 million of the merchant bank's total liabilities of £300 million, have received £500,000 from the Deposit Protection Board. The board has already advanced £22 million to clients of Stock Group, another B&C subsidiary which had a sizeable proportion of clients' funds frozen in BCMB.

Mr Adamson said there were still "two or three" parties interested in buying BCMB but none of the negotiations was at an advanced stage.

A decision is also expected within the next few days on B&C's action against Quadrex Holdings and Samuel Montagu, Quadrex's adviser, over the aborted sale of Marshalls, the money broker, to Quadrex.

If successful, B&C could be enriched by more than £300 million in damages.

EIS rights issue aims to raise £18.3m

By Michael Tate
City Editor

EIS Group, the mechanical seals to aircraft galley manufacturer, is calling on its shareholders for £18.3 million via a one-for-four rights issue at 265p a share. The stock market price closed 3p higher at 330p.

The company said the money was needed to take advantage of growth and acquisition opportunities. Peter Haslehurst, the chief executive, added: "In the current difficult trading environment for many companies, the board expects to make acquisitions on favourable terms."

The rights issue, the third from EIS in five years, accompanied annual results showing pre-tax profits up for the twentieth year in succession, from £11.9 million to £13.5 million in 1990. Turnover was £177 million against £157 million. Shareholders will receive a final dividend of 8.375p, making 11.4p for the year, compared with 10.45p previously.

Mr Haslehurst expected 1991 to be a difficult year, but he said the company hoped to achieve a satisfactory result.

The rights issue has been underwritten by SG Warburg.

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Looking to buy: Peter Haslehurst of EIS yesterday

Amex and Lloyds link for new card

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

AMERICAN Express and Lloyds Bank have joined together to introduce a corporate charge card. The alliance is the latest move to exploit the fast-growing corporate card market.

The American charge card issuer hopes to exploit Lloyds's network of 2,000 branches to expand its corporate client base.

Amex has scored notable success among larger companies, and claims that 81 of *The Times's* top 100 companies are clients. It decided it needed a local distribution network to increase penetration among Britain's 100,000 smaller companies.

Charge and credit card companies are increasingly resorting to alliances to capture a greater share of the corporate card market, which is smaller than the personal card business but expanding more rapidly. Diners Club International this week teamed up with British Airways to introduce a corporate card.

The latest joint venture is part of growing co-operation between Lloyds and Amex. The bank already offers customers the American Express gold card, and sells the company's travellers' cheques.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Royal Bank to levy charges on plastic

THE ROYAL Bank of Scotland is to introduce an annual fee on its Access and Visa cards from next year. The move will bring the bank into line with most other credit card issuers. Only National Westminster among the major banks has not yet introduced a fee – and NatWest is reviewing its card services.

Unlike other banks, the Royal has decided to refund the fee to card users who borrow more than a pre-set amount. The borrowing level, and the annual fee, will be fixed within the next two months. The introduction of the fee may also be accompanied by a cut in the interest rate on the cards, presently 2.2 per cent a month.

El Oro lifts dividend

EL ORO Mining & Exploration and the Exploration Company are to lift dividends for the year to end-December. El Oro plans a single payment of 24p (12p), after pre-tax profits of £2.5 million (£2.71 million) and earnings of 37.69p (41.39p). Exploration plans a single dividend of 12p (6p), after pre-tax profits of £3.18 million (£3.06 million) and earnings of 18.25p (17.47p).

Body Shop buys supplier

THE Body Shop has bought Cos-Tec, its Sussex supplier of cosmetics colourings, for up to £8.8 million. The initial consideration will be £560,000 cash, but Body Shop will pay between £1.25 million and £8.25 million over seven years in shares or cash depending on profits. Cos-Tec made pre-tax profits of £125,000 for the year to last June 30 and £311,000 for the next eight months.

Barclays reshuffles

BARCLAYS Bank has reshuffled its board in the wake of the retirement of Peter Leslie, a deputy chairman, last month. Andrew Buxton is promoted to the post, joining Sir Martin Jacomb, the other deputy chairman, although he keeps his job as managing director.

At 51, Mr Buxton is ten years younger than Sir Martin, and is seen as increasingly likely to succeed Sir John Quinton, the chairman, when he retires. Humphrey Norrington is replacing Mr Buxton as vice chairman but remains group finance director.

Expedier sells offshoot

EXPEDIER, the leisure group that organises sporting tournaments and corporate hospitality at sports events, has sold its Clark Clay Industries offshoot, a manufacturer of clay pigeons, to CCI's management. The total consideration is £1.65 million, which will go towards reducing Expedier's borrowings. CCI made pre-tax profits of £348,000 in the year to end-December.

Explaura's loss deepens

PRE-TAX losses at Explaura Holdings, the USM-quoted group that has established quarrying interests in Canada, deepened from £75,000 to £1 million last year after exceptional start-up costs of £297,000 at the plant at Lower Cover, Newfoundland. There were first-time aggregate sales of £266,000. The loss per share stood at 0.87p (0.06p loss). There is again no dividend.

WBB expands abroad

WATTS, Blake, Bearne & Co, the Devon clay producer, has extended its overseas operations with the acquisition of the majority of the German clay operations of Didier-Werke, the German refractory producer, for £5.3 million.

The acquired operations, which had sales of £4 million last year, complement Fuchs-Ton, WBB's German division. Operations in Germany will now account for about 40 per cent of WBB's total business, compared with about a third previously.

Knitwear boosts Martin

By Michael Tate
City Editor

ALBERT Martin, one of Marks and Spencer's bigger suppliers, unveiled a 35 per cent increase in operating profits from its underwear and knitwear operations.

The improvement helped lift Martin's pre-tax profits from £1.61 million to £2.04 million last year, on turnover up from £69.1 million to £78.1 million. Earnings per share rise from 6.6p to 9p and the board is paying a 2.6p final dividend, making 4.2p for the year, against 4p last time. However there is a £1.8 million extraordinary item, relating to rationalisation costs.

Michael Kidd, the chairman, said: "Progress in the future will depend on our ability to service customers' requirements through an organisation which combines our own cost-efficient manufacturing units at home and abroad with the facilities to source other merchandise from wherever appropriate throughout the world."

Overseas, Martin achieved record profits of £1.69 million, up 24 per cent on the previous year. Its newer ventures, in Dubai and New York, performed well as did the established operations in Hong Kong, Macao and Sri Lanka.

Finance charges for the year rose significantly due to increased borrowing and high interest rates, although net borrowings at December 31 were similar to the previous year. Capital expenditure totalled £2.4 million.

Hartons passes dividend

HARTONS Group, the plastics and PVC foam group, has axed its final dividend after diving into the red at the full year stage in British trading described as "the most difficult experienced in the history of the group". The shares lost 6½p to 19½p.

There was a pre-tax loss of £2.14 million in the year to end-December, against £608,000 profit last time. Reorganisation resulted in a £1.23 million exceptional charge. Operating profits fell from £5.27 million to £3.42 million, but interest payments were £4.33 million (£4.66 million).

Turnover fell from £153 million to £129 million. The loss per share deepened from 0.06p to 3.6p. There is no final dividend (0.1p), making a reduced total of 0.1p (0.2p).

Citicorp warns of weak profit

Citicorp, America's biggest bank, expects 1991 profits to remain weak and plans to raise $750 million from asset sales, John Reed, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting.

First quarter earnings per share fell to 10 cents from a comparable 60 cents.

Buy planned

Mannesmann, the German engineering group, plans further diversification, by means of a large acquisition, Werner Dieter, the chairman of the management board, said.

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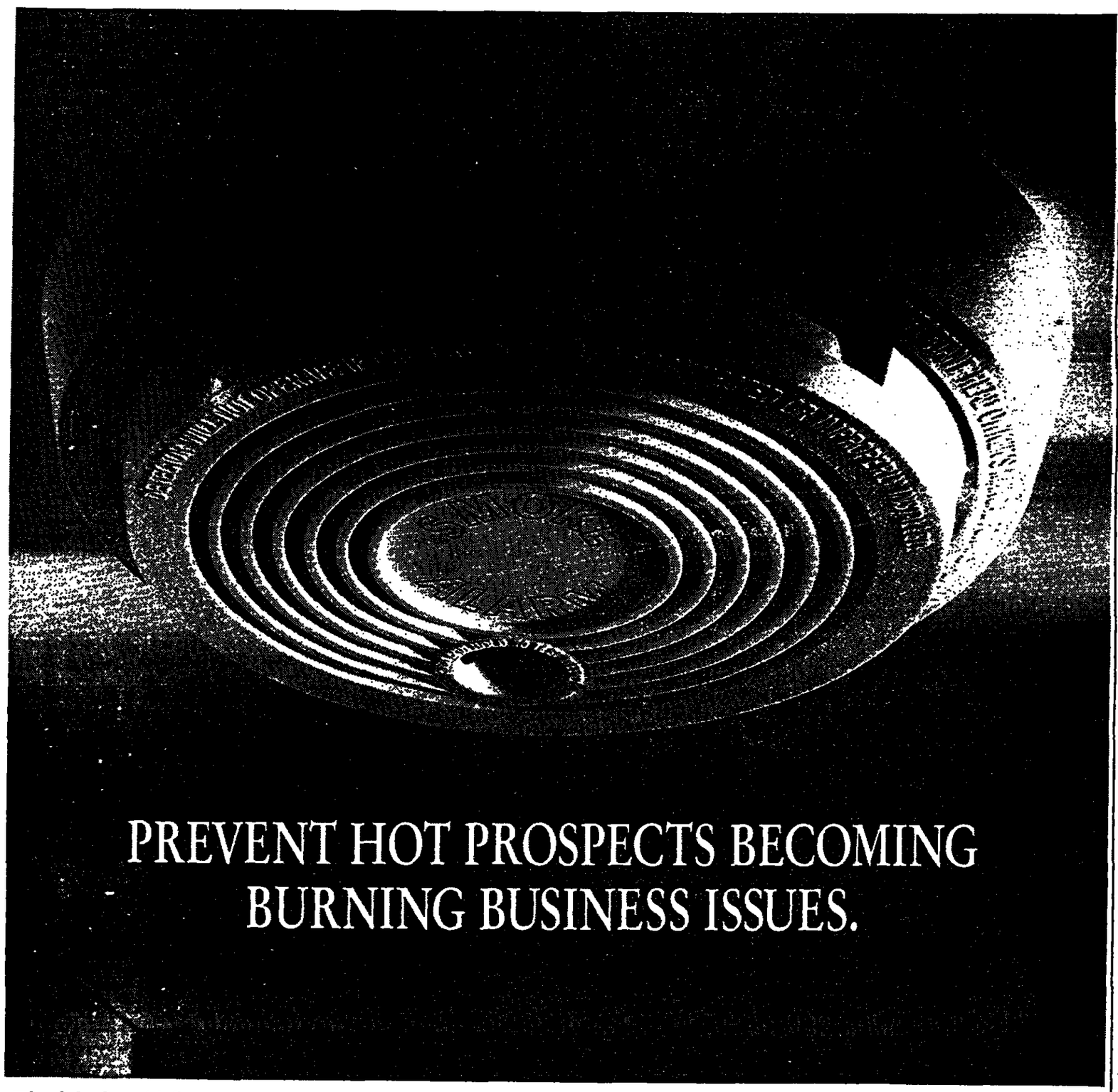

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Hanson boosts his fire power

COMMENT

Hanson says that its £500 million of convertible eurobonds will be used to retire bank debt. The market says that the move is part of the groundwork for Hanson's long-awaited next mega-bid. The market is probably right. Lord Hanson's fleet-footed conglomerate has ways of doing both things at once.

In America, the group launched a £2.5 billion commercial paper programme, also with the stated objective of reducing bank interest payments in the current year and beyond. But having raised the cash, it paid down bank debt and retained the banking facility to draw down similar amounts in the future. The overall effect was to increase borrowing powers and simplify matters as and when the next bid target is identified. It is quite likely that the same approach will be used over here.

The eurobond issue has other attractions for Hanson. CSFB has apparently tapped shareholders outside Britain and found them willing to support paper that will initially pay them a substantial premium over Hanson shares, currently yielding around 6 per cent, and convert into equity at an attractive premium of 15 per cent. The pricing looks aggressive by British standards but Hanson played the recession well, building up cash while others were splashing it around. Europeans find that admirable.

The smart money is riding on a takeover in Britain rather than America, Lord Hanson's preferred stamping ground for some time. For any substantial shift in the ratio of overseas to domestic profits could raise nasty problems of unrelieved advance corporation tax. It is not at all Hanson's style to overpay the taxman.

ACT is also the reason that BAT, tipped as a dark horse candidate for Hanson's next predatory move, is growing more unlikely. The tobacco interests of BAT, all overseas, would fit like a glove with the former Imperial group brands brought into the group some years ago. But BAT, now divested of its paper and retailing interests in Britain and suffering poor returns from depressed insurance and financial services profits in Britain, has an ACT problem of its own.

It is also doubtful that Lord Hanson has the stomach for the long series of regulatory wrangles in America that would be needed in a change of control at Farmers, BAT's California-based insurance group. The complications proved terminal for Sir James Goldsmith in his assault on BAT.

The market's favoured target remains Pilkington, which has been hammered by hard times in the building and motor industries since it escaped the clutches of Sir Owen Green's BTR group.

But Hanson has such fire power at its disposal that it could afford a tilt at heavyweights like Allied-Lyons, whose image has been badly dented by extraordinary foreign exchange losses and where the potentially troublesome 9 per cent stake held by Olympia & York has been conveniently placed in the market. Watch this space.

Brady appeal

Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, was probably seeking to emulate his president's display of the United States' rediscovered confidence in its ability to lead the world. Yet his appeal to his Group of Seven partners in London on Monday sounded strangely out of date. The call for less attention to inflation and more to economic growth harked back to the time the Americans persuaded Germany to become the locomotive of growth, a costly ride Bonn has not forgotten.

The administration's concern, while dressed up as something intended to generate the funds for the world's troubled regions, is also about providing insurance for the recovery the White House has promised its returning war heroes. So far, the evidence suggests that America remains in a very weak state. And there is no certainty that it can cast off recession soon, especially if the slowdown elsewhere becomes established.

Sadly for Mr Brady, whose anxiety about growth nears paranoia, Germany and Japan are still fighting their own fears about inflation. Doubtless they made this clear at the informal G7 dinner on Sunday. That they did could explain why Mr Brady decided to go public with his demands.

The G7 talks were supposed to be a quiet exchange of views ahead of the next formal meeting in Washington this month. With central bankers in attendance there, the chances of convergence on monetary policy would appear even more unlikely.

Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese finance minister, has made clear that Japan plans to keep its monetary and economic policy steady in neutral. Tokyo will keep its eye simultaneously on the risk of slower growth and domestically generated inflation. Japan will offer no bullet train at America's behest.

The German stance is even less accommodating. Hans Tietmeyer, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's favourite Bundesbank director, left no doubt about that on Monday night. German monetary policy will remain tight, whatever the cries from across the Atlantic.

That German economic priorities have differed from the American was plain well before unification. The daunting task of bringing its eastern *länder* up to western standards has done nothing to narrow those differences.

Insurance companies race to be lean and fit

IN THE rambling mansions of Britain's composite insurance groups, spring cleaning is thorough and ruthless this year. Combined losses of £750 million, disastrous new ventures and increased dividends depleted assets in 1990. Continental rivals pose a serious takeover threat. Business remains poor in spite of a drive to raise premium rates, and insurance companies, like banks, do not want to join the fashionable rights issue queue.

Royal's agreement to sell its reinsurance subsidiary comes after General Accident's decision to close its mistakenly acquired banking operations in New Zealand, which may end losing £200 million, and the Prudential's dismemberment of its chain of estate agencies at an overall loss of £330 million. Royal should at least realise a profit.

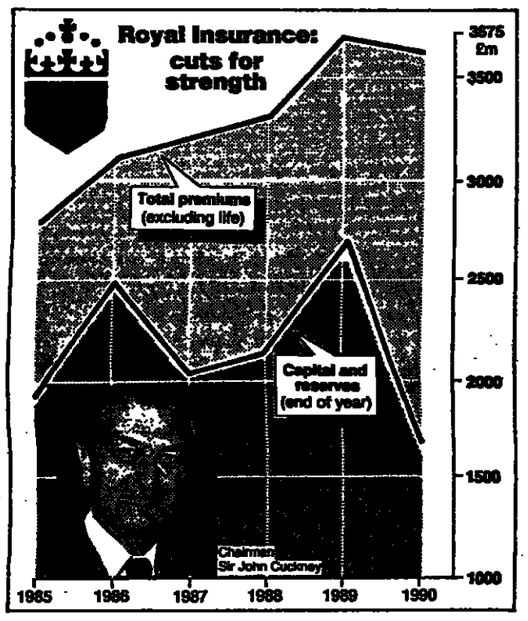
The 80 per cent-owned Royal Reinsurance, which recorded an unchanged overall profit of £7 million on £153 million of premiums last year, has net assets of £67 million. Once pre-purchase enquiries have been completed, General Reinsurance, the American buyer, is likely to pay about £100 million.

Royal's need is, however, even greater than its rivals'. The group led an unhappy league table with pre-tax losses of £187 million last year. After dividend payments of £126 million and the effects of weak share prices, shareholders' funds fell by almost £1 billion.

At the end of last year, when stock market prices were still depressed, its solvency ratio of free capital and reserves to premiums had dropped to 32 per cent. That was still about double the European Community minimum and excluded £500 million embedded value in its life assurance subsidiary, but neared the level of boardroom anxiety.

Sir John Cuckney, Royal's chairman, told shareholders: "We will not hesitate to curtail or dispose of any business which does not fulfil our strategic needs and meet exacting criteria."

The recovery of stock prices since the ending of the Gulf war had already brought Royal's solvency ratio above 40 per cent. Selling the reinsurance business will add a further 1½ points. Royal will remain at the opposite end of the spectrum to Sun Alliance, whose solvency ratio is now above 90 per cent.



Sun Alliance became the most asset-rich of the big groups because it avoided costly acquisition mistakes and was among the first to sort out its American operations, switching from direct underwriting to a share of a successful pool. Instead, it bought 15 per cent of Commercial Union, the only true composite insurance group to break even last year. This put Sun Alliance in pole position among British companies in any European-inspired restructuring of the industry, along with BAT Industries, which owns Eagle Star.

The others lined up to devise ways of making losses. Guardian Royal Exchange extricated itself from an Italian venture with a £70 million loss after less than two years. General Accident has run up losses in estate agency as well as its southern hemisphere expansion. Royal, which spent £230 million building the biggest agency chain of 735 branches, reduced losses there from £26 million to £22 million last year and has now transferred the chain's reporting from the life subsidiary to head office. The future of the business is evidently on trial.

Royal is not selling its reinsurance business simply to strengthen its balance sheet. The changing nature of reinsurance meant the group was busy restoring its own catastrophe reinsurance with one hand while taking on more risks from its rivals with the other. The business also needed to be bigger.

Legal & General, a life company with a modest general business, sold its Victory reinsurance offshoot last year, preferring to release £140 million of capital and leave reinsurance to specialists. The similarly structured Prudential, which owns Britain's biggest reinsurance company, may soon follow suit.

Such non-core businesses, like insurance company managements, are coming under close scrutiny in the wake of 1990, when the bottom of the underwriting cycle coincided with huge British weather losses. Falling share and property prices made things worse instead of helping.

Recovery of profits and balance sheets must come from internal action. Rights issues are virtually ruled out. Money can hardly be raised from shareholders on grounds of need when dividends have been raised in spite of the losses to demonstrate strength.

It would be hard to argue that funds are needed for expansion. Underwriting losses will remain heavy this year.

If company managements do not sort out their own houses, they will be prey to protected continental insurers anxious to expand their expertise in the coming single European market in insurance. The race is on to be lean and fit.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT
Financial Editor

Market smiles on EIS rights

TEMPUS

ANY company launching its third rights issue in five years might be expected to have learned a thing or two about presentation. A 9 per cent hike in dividend from EIS Group, which has twice already tapped shareholders for fresh funds since September 1986, ensured that its £18.3 million cash call yesterday met with a more positive response from the market than almost any recent fund raising exercise.

To be fair, EIS has rather more going for it than a dividend increase. Twenty years of continuous growth offer evidence of the group's ability to cope with recession, and now that almost half the profits come from overseas, the balance looks better than ever.

Although a string of acquisitions contributed to the 40 per cent advance in the 1990 pre-tax figure, earnings per share still improved, from 27.7p to 29.9p. Flexibox, whose seals and couplings operations have supplied uninterrupted growth since acquisition, increased profits 12 per cent to £4.6 million, and process equipment overcame the impact of the Gulf War on some of its important tyre and cable making equipment contracts to earn £4.4 million (£4 million). The reorganised galley business helped lift the aircraft and precision engineering activities from £2.6 million to £3.1 million.

EIS has preferred to finance its expansion programme via equity, and is launching the current rights issue on the back of a £5 million cash-positive balance sheet. The one-for-four terms, at 265p, point to an ex-rights price of 315p, well short of yesterday's 330p, and representing about 11 times earnings if the group can meet expectations of £15 million-plus before tax this year. The record argues in favour of a strong take-up of the rights, and if the City's perception of the strength of management is correct, shareholders should not be disappointed.

Borland

BY the time Borland International published its annual results in its native California on Monday night, its shares — of which 20 per cent are still held in the UK — had already notched up the little matter of a 140 per cent gain this year, to value the business at a whisker short of £500 million, and the shares at 55 times historic earnings.

If ever there were a prime candidate for a fund-raising, Borland was it, and founder-chairman Philippe Kahn duly unveiled a public offer of 1 million shares, which at current prices will raise around £30 million for the company and £3 million for himself.

Net income, at $26.8 million against $11.8 million, was every bit as good as the recent buying anticipated, as new products added their weight to the success of the new, improved versions of Paradox and Quattro products. There was a 102 per cent leap in the fourth quarter, which was the best of the four last time.

But even if Borland can lift earnings to — in sterling terms — in excess of 90p this year, the earnings multiple remains above 36 at last night's closing price of £32.75. Holders should follow the chairman's example and take some profits.

LIT Holdings

LIT Holdings has teetered on the brink of the abyss and survived.

Little more than a year ago, the group's chances of survival looked slim. Saddled with net debts of more than £50 million, LIT had shareholders' funds of just £1.2 million. An emergency asset disposal programme was threatened by the approaching recession.

LIT's survival is a tribute to the skills of Christopher Castleman, the chief executive. He made more than 30 disposals last year, including LIT's holding in the ill-fated Levitt Group, to raise £35 million; refinanced the company; and persuaded the banks to take on £18.4 million in preference shares in place of debts.

The result is a much-strengthened balance sheet. Net assets have risen to £6.5 million, and net debt has sunk to £5.2 million.

LIT still made a £284,000 profit last year, down from £6.01 million in 1989. Mr Castleman must now increase the operating income of LIT's two remaining subsidiaries, Litam, the American futures clearing house, and Johnson Fry, the business expansion scheme promoter.

These made an operating profit of £4.11 million last year, down 29 per cent, and insufficient to carry central costs. Once revitalised, they should together be capable of making £10 million.

If so, LIT could be soundly profitable in two to three years. Until then there is much work to do, and the dividend on the quoted preference shares is unlikely to be paid for another year. The ordinary shares, at 10p, may have to wait even longer. They are, nevertheless, an interesting speculation.

Williams resigns from Mosaic

DAVID Williams, the deputy chairman and one of the two men behind the strong growth of Mosaic Investments, the holding company whose interests include the licensing rights to cartoon characters such as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, has resigned.

The Mosaic board, whose chairman is Brian Disbury, said his resignation, with effect from the end of this month to allow him to pursue other business interests, had been "regretfully accepted". Leon Angrave, the finance director, will become managing director, and Mr Disbury will take over acquisition and investment relations duties.

Greg Hutchings, chief executive of Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate, and a substantial shareholder, has confirmed his support for the restructured management, as has Pen Barber, another non-executive director and large investor. Mosaic's share price fell 10p to 270p.

The company said amicable resignation terms had been agreed with Mr Williams, a former head of mergers and acquisitions at Johnson Fry Corporate Finance, who identified Mosaic, under its former name of Press Tools, a small engineering company, as the ideal "seed-corn" investment vehicle to buy up small, high-growth businesses.

In 1987, he moved in, along with Mr Disbury, with the financial backing of Mr Hutchings. Mr Williams was in charge of identifying acquisitions, while the chairman imposed the necessary tough financial controls. The company's expansion took it into areas as diverse as garment hangers, car locks, bar accessories and cartoon characters.

Mr Williams denied any rift with Mr Disbury. He said: "There have been a number of exciting opportunities that I've seen over the past few months which we can't do with Mosaic. You can't get too diversified or it gets crazy." He was looking in particular at "sleepy specialist manufacturers" in niche markets.

MARTIN WALLER

European Bank warned not to overstep mandate

ONLY a day after the inauguration of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the battle over policy and strategy has started in earnest with warnings issued by the European Commission that the bank should not overstep its mandate, and a call from America for greater involvement in day-to-day operations of the bank.

The Soviet Union also for the first time demanded a larger share of European Bank aid and investment than has been envisaged.

At a press briefing in London during the inaugural meeting of the bank's board of governors, Henning Christophersen, vice-president of the European Commission, said: "The EBRD must not be a political institution, but plainly and simply a bank."

This view contrasted with that of Jacques Attali, the president of the European Bank, who regards the bank's role as political and economic.

Mr Christophersen and M Attali also appeared to disagree over who should be responsible for coordinating the plethora of institutions that run assistance programmes for eastern Europe. Mr Christophersen said the commission's view is that this role is best left to the leading industrialised nations, while M Attali prefers that the European Bank perform this function.

Christophersen: at odds

America, which would like the European Bank to concentrate on private sector investments, yesterday expressed unease over the bank's internal set-up.

Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, demanded that the board of directors have a much greater role in policy decisions, a move likely to be resisted by M Attali, who would like as much independence as possible for himself and his vice presidents.

Mr Brady said: "We do not view the activity of the board as an advisory one, but, instead, as a critical element of the bank's operations."

Also during the meeting, the Soviet Union called on the European Bank to scrap a clause in its statutes limiting exposure to the Soviet Union. At present, the European Bank can lend up to a maximum of six per cent to the Soviet Union, which equals the country's stake in the bank.

WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
European Business Correspondent

Japanese await BT call

JAPANESE investors are likely to buy British Telecom shares heavily when the government sells some or all of its remaining shares in the company in the autumn.

Nomura, the world's largest stockbroker, yesterday predicted considerable interest by Japanese buyers in the second round of the BT share sale, which could be the government's most prestigious pre-election privatisation move if John Major decides not to go to the country this summer.

The City would like to see the government sell at least half its remaining 48.6 per cent holding in BT following the Budget declaration that it intends to put its shares up for sale. The sale could take place in November, although an autumn election might disrupt such a timetable.

Japanese investors took a large proportion of the shares on offer in the first BT sale in 1984, and may, at the peak, have doubled their holdings since. Nomura believes that, provided there is no radical change in the markets before the next BT sale, Japanese interest could be even higher.

Speaking in Tokyo yesterday, Yoshihisa Tabuchi, Nomura's president and chief executive, said that Japanese share purchases in British privatisations indicated a clear confidence in the government's programme. Referring to the forthcoming BT sale, he said: "Under the current situation I expect Japanese investors to continue to show similar confidence."

Nomura advised on the original BT sale and on subsequent privatisations, including electricity.

The stockbroker was attacked recently when, after handling the electricity privatisations, it bought 9.3 per cent of National Power and 8.03 per cent of PowerGen. Critics argued it should have bid for a larger proportion of shares in the tender offers rather than buy them in the market. Nomura defended its move yesterday, insisting that it had clearly told the British government that it would face difficulties meeting the strong Japanese demand from its own allocation of 58.6 million shares.

☐ Japan is likely to keep interest rates steady until a cut in the middle of this year, according to the Nomura Research Institute in Tokyo.

Yoshio Suzuki, until two years ago chief economist at the Bank of Japan and now chief counsellor of the institute, said Japanese interest rates, currently 8.5 per cent, could be at 7 per cent by the end of the year.

He said that speculation of a cut in interest rates this month or next was too early. Rates would be cut, he forecast, but not until June or July.

Mr Suzuki said that, after the dramatic fall on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, stock market prices would rise steadily throughout this year.

PHILIP BASSETT
Tokyo

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ten days to help Kurds

THE plight of the Kurdish refugees has touched the heart of a City financier who is trying to raise £100,000 to buy and run a field hospital on the Iran-Iraq border. David Fordham, head of the public sector department at Banque Paribas, has ten days in which to raise the cash and is appealing to the Square Mile for help. The money will be used to buy an emergency field hospital from the Danish government, and 50 British doctors and nurses have already offered their services. "I was watching television coverage of the refugees and felt I had to do something," says Fordham, aged 31, who has been given permission to use his annual leave working with the refugees if the project goes ahead. "I will help put the tents in place and do the cooking. The problem is, the doctors want to get there before the end of the month, and we have only raised £5,000 so far." By some estimates, as many as 1.3 million refugees have gathered on the border between Iran and Iraq, and up to a 100,000 may die without medical treatment.

Prodigal son

THE world of pensions, never one to set dinner parties alight, may have more to it than at first meets the eye. It can be dangerous, as Rob Gaines, author of the industry casebook, *The Pensions Factbook*, discovered to his cost. Gaines, the newly appointed marketing director of NM Financial Management, caused a sensation when he arrived for his first strategy meeting with the company. Sneaking in to avoid attention, he promptly knocked over a table loaded with carafes of water and bottles of lime juice. "I have always been accident prone," says Gaines, aged 39, who once suffered the indignity of being trapped in a turnstile on Waterloo station. Gaines joined Schroder Life — later NM — in 1984 before leaving in September 1989 to join Greig Middleton. "I feel like the prodigal son," he says of his return.

'No worries about a military coup, but I'm not sure about Lord Hanson.'

THE VAT war looming among London hoteliers has proved short-lived. It transpires that overseas businessmen have been able to reclaim VAT in certain circumstances since January 1988, and a number of hotels have advised their guests as such.

Romania appeals

THE Romanian Orphanage Trust celebrates its first anniversary today — by launching an appeal to City institutions. The trust hopes to spend £3 million a year on projects in Romania. President Ion Iliescu of Romania was in London yesterday to discuss business opportunities and met Sir Brian Corby, president of the CBI.

Happy fan

THE fortunes of Sheffield United have raised a smile of glee at the offices of City Decisions, the management consultant, which advises City types on their images. Happiest of all is John Livingstone-Learmonth, a director of the company and well-known raconteur, who decided early in the football season that the team was worth backing. He put money down through City Index, the bookmaker, and is now sitting on a "four figure" profit — to the delight of his associates. A debonair old Etonian and distinguished wine expert, he has sent two cases of wine to Dave Bassett, the Sheffield manager, in the hope that the gesture will spur the team on to new heights. "He has certainly a new earnings stream for the business," adds a colleague. Sadly, Sheffield have lost their last two games, but at least have something to show for their earlier efforts.

House and garden

A HOME that belonged to the late Robert Holmes à Court, the corporate raider, has gone on the market in Toorak, Melbourne, with a price tag of Aus$7 million (£3.05 million). Miegunyah, a mansion built in 1856 and set in 1.2 hectares of magnificent gardens, is being offered for sale by Holmes à Court's widow, Janet, who now runs Heytesbury, the international cattle, agriculture and theatre empire. Ian Brindley, speaking for Mrs Holmes à Court, says the property is "surplus to requirements". In spite of the beauty of the grounds, the mansion has been standing empty for 40 years and has fallen into disrepair. Even worse, the house has "fundamental structural problems" and is deemed unsafe to live in. Given all this — not to mention the poor state of the Australian economy — the asking price looks a little optimistic. Holmes à Court, who died of a heart attack last September, aged 53, had built up a £330 million fortune but failed to leave a will.

JON ASHWORTH

WALL STREET

New York

SHARES recouped some early losses in choppy trading. By mid-morning the Dow Jones industrial average stood at 2,928.96, down 4.21 points.

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Abbott Lab	51%	51%	Enron	56%	56%	Oryx Enrgy	34%	34%
Aetna Life	47	48%	Ensergy	24%	24%	Pac Ent	35%	35%
Ahmanson	17%	17%	Ethyl	30%	30%	Pac Gas Elec	26%	26%
Air Prods	65%	65%	Exxon	58%	58%	Pac Telesis	41%	41%
Albertsons	49%	49%	Fed NMA	48%	48%	Paccar	39%	39%
Alcan Al	21%	21%	Fedrl Exprs	32%	32%	Pacificorp	22%	22%
Alco Stand	29%	30	Fit Norstar	18%	17	Pall	36%	36%
Allied Signal	29%	28%	Fluor	46%	46%	Paramount	40%	39%
Alumin CA	65%	65%	FMC	36%	35%	Parker-Hanfn	24%	24%
Am Brands	43%	42%	Ford Motor	31%	31%	Penney	50%	50%
Am Cyanmd	57%	58%	FPL	30%	30%	Pennzoil	74%	74%
Am EPC	25%	30	Fst Chicago	23%	23%	Pepsico	33%	33%
Am General	40%	40%	Fst Intrsta	33%	32%	Pfizer	57%	57%
Am Home	81%	80%	Fst Union	19%	19%	Phlips Pet	27%	28
Am Intl	96%	98	Gannett	41%	40%	Phlps Elec	20%	20%
Am Medical	7%	7%	Gen Cinema	24%	24	Phlp Morris	70%	69%
Am Stores	90%	88%	Gen Elec	73%	74	Phlps Dodge	64%	64%
Amax	25%	25%	Gen Mills	57%	57	Pitney Bow	57%	57
Amer Hess	50%	50%	Gen Motors	38%	37	Plcr Dome	13%	13%
Ameritech	64%	65%	Gen RE	96%	97%	PNC Fncl	32%	30%
Amex	26%	27%	Gen Signal	44%	45	Prindle Esm	14	14%
Amoco	53%	53%	Genentech	28%	28	Polaroid	23%	23%
AMP	53	52%	Genuine Pts	39%	39%	PPG Inds	48%	47%
AMR	59%	59%	Georgia-Pac	42%	42%	Prctr Gmble	87%	87%
Anheuser-B	51%	51%	Gillette	78%	77	Price	53%	53%
Apple Comp	63%	62%	Goodrich	36%	36%	Primerica	32%	32%
Archer-Dan	23	23	Goodyear	22%	23%	Pub Service	27%	27%
Arkla	18%	18%	Grace	31	30%	Quaker Oats	57%	57%
Armstrong	29	29%	Greyhound	34%	33%	Ralston Pur	58%	58%
Asarco	26%	26%	Gt Atlantic	51%	52%	Raychem	28%	33%
Ashland Oil	32%	32%	Gt Western	17%	17%	Raytheon	80%	82
AT&T	36%	36%	GTE	32%	32%	Reebok	24%	24%
Atlan Richfld	130%	130%	Halliburton	44	43	Roadway	52%	53%
Auto DP	68%	68%	Heinz	39	38%	Rockwell	27%	27%
Avery Intl	23	23%	Hercules	34	34%	Rohm Haas	37%	37%
Avon Prod	44	43%	Hershey Fd	40%	40%	Royal Dutch	82%	82%
Baltimore	28%	28%	Hewlett Pkd	51%	51%	Rubbermaid	50%	49%
Banc One	38	37%	Hilton Htl	43%	43%	Rynlds Mtl	58%	57%
Bankamerica	37%	37%	Home Depot	57%	57%	Safeco	43%	43%
Bard	25	24%	Homestake	15%	15%	Salomon	31%	30%
Barnett Bl	25	24%	Honeywell	61	60	Sant Fe Pac	8%	8
Bausch Lmb	81%	80%	Houston Ind	37%	37%	Sara Lee	39%	39%
Baxter Intl	36%	35%	Hssehld Intl	46%	45	Schecorp	38%	38
Bec Dickin	79%	79%	Humana	51	51%	Schlumbgr	59%	58%
Bell Atlan	49%	50%	IBM	108%	107	Schrg-Plgh	48%	49%
Bellsouth	51%	52%	IF&F	54%	55	Scott Papr	38%	38%
Bkr Hughes	27%	26%	Illinois TW	52%	53	Seagram	98%	97%
Black Decker	13%	13%	Inco	34	33%	Sears Rbk	38%	38
Block	51%	52	Ingsol-Rand	46%	46%	Secrty Pac	25%	24%
Bnkrs Tst NY	47%	45%	Inland Steel	18%	18%	Shrwn-Wlms	23%	24
Boeing	46%	46%	Intel	53	54%	Skyline	17	17%
Boise Casc	25%	25%	Intl Paper	62%	62%	Snap-on Tls	30%	30%
Borden	37%	37%	ITT	58%	58	Southern	28%	28%
Brist-Myer	78%	77%	James River	25%	25%	St Paul	71%	71%
Browng-Fer	26%	26%	Johnsn Jhsn	96%	98%	Stanley Wk	34%	34%
Burl Nth	28%	27%	K Mart	42%	41%	Stone Cntr	14%	14%
CAI	9%	9%	Kellogg	94%	95%	Sun Co	33%	33%
Campbell Sp	83%	83%	Kerr-McGee	44%	44%	Sunstat Bk	29%	29%
Cap Cities	466%	467	Kimbly-Clrk	91	89%	Super Valu	28%	28%
Capital HC	49%	49%	Knight-Rddr	48%	48%	SW Bell	53	53%
Carolina	47%	47%	Lilly	82%	81%	Syntex	82%	82%
Caterpillar	46%	46%	Limited	29%	29%	Sysco	37%	37%
CBS	162	162%	Ln Brdcstg	71%	70%	Tandem	14%	14
Central SW	46%	46%	Lincln Nat	52%	52%	Tandy	34%	34%
Champion	25%	26	Litton Ind	88%	87%	Tele-comm	18%	18%
Chase Man	19%	18%	Lockheed	42%	42%	Teledyne	20%	19%
Chem Bnkg	20%	19%	Louis-Pac	31%	31%	Temple-In	37%	38
Chevron	78	78%	Manu Hano	27%	27	Tenneco	44%	44%
Chrysler	13%	13%	Marriott	17%	17%	Texaco	68%	68%
Chubb	68%	68%	Marsh Mclen	84	83%	Texas Inst	44%	45%
Cigna	54%	54%	Martin Mar	55%	55%	Texas Util	37%	37%
Citicorp	18%	18	Masco	23%	22%	Textron	30%	30%
Clbrne Liz	49%	48%	May Dept	55	54%	Time Wrnr	114%	114%
Clorox	38%	38%	Maytag	13%	13%	Times Mirr	28%	28%
Cmwlth Eds	39%	39%	McDnl Doug	43	42%	Timken	24%	24%
CNA Fincl	85	85%	McDonalds	34%	34%	Torchmark	57%	58%
Coastal	32%	32%	McGraw-Hill	60%	59	Toys R Us	28%	28%
Coca-Cola	54%	54%	MCI Com	28%	27%	Transam	34%	34%
Colgate-Pal	80%	80%	Mead	29%	29%	Travelers	24%	24%
Column Gas	44%	45%	Medtronic	122%	123%	Tribune	43%	43%
Compaq	60%	61%	Mellon Bk	31%	30%	TRW	40%	41
Conagra	45%	45	Melville	50%	51%	Tyco Lab	48%	48
Cons Eds	25%	25%	Merck	111	109%	UAL	154%	154
Cons NG	41%	41%	Merl Lynch	40	39%	Un Camp	43%	43%
Cons Rail	47	46%	MM&M	86%	87	Un Carbide	17%	17%
Cooper Ind	49%	49%	Mobil	66%	66%	Un Pacific	76%	77%
Corning	60	59	Monsanto	56%	56%	Unilever	87%	86%
CPC Intl	87%	87%	Moore	24%	25	Unisys	4%	5
Crown Cork	73%	73%	Morgan	51%	50%	Unocal	27%	27%
CSX	38%	37%	Motorola	69%	63%	Upjohn	47%	48%
Dana	28%	28%	Nat Medical	50%	49%	US West	38%	38%
Dayton-Hud	75	75	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	17%	17%
Deere	47%	47%	Nat Service	28%	28%	USF&G	11%	12%
Delta Air	68%	68%	Navistar	3%	3%	US Life	37%	37%
Deluxe	39%	38%	NCNB	36%	36%	UST	46%	46%
Detroit Ed	30	30	NCR	97	96%	USX	34%	34%
Digital Eq	64%	64%	NED Bncp	38%	39%	Utd Tech	47%	47%
Dillard	116%	116%	Newmnt Min	35%	35%	Utd Telcm	23%	23
Disney	117%	116%	Niagr Mhwk	14%	14%	VF	28%	28
Dominion	48%	48%	Nike	43%	43%	Wal-Mart	43%	44%
Donnelley	46%	46%	NL Indstrs	13%	13%	Waste Mgmt	37%	37%
Dover	40%	40%	Nordstorm	39%	38	Wells Fargo	78%	72%
Dow Chem	48%	49%	Norflk Sthn	44	44%	Westg Elec	27%	27%
Dow Jones	24%	25%	Norwest	27%	27%	Weyrhsr	24%	24%
Dresser Ind	24%	24%	Nthn St Pwr	34%	34%	Whirlpool	28%	28%
Du Pont	38%	38%	Nthn Telcm	32%	33	Whitman	12%	12%
Duke Pwr	28%	28%	NY Times	20%	20%	Winn-Dixie	36%	36%
Dun Bradst	47%	47%	Nynex	73	72%	Woolworth	32%	32
East Kodak	41%	41%	Occid Petrl	19%	19%	Wrigley	62%	61%
Eaton	57%	56%	Ohio Ed	18%	18%	Wrner-Lamb	76%	75%
Emerson El	46%	45%	Oracle Sys	10%	10%	Xerox	57%	57%

WORLD MARKETS

Late burst of buying brightens Nikkei

SHARES ended a dull day with a burst of buying sparked by a Japanese news service report that the Bank of Japan will allow short-term interest rates to ease. The Nikkei average closed up 117.77 points, or 0.44 per cent, at 26,813.30, with 380 million shares changing hands.

However, a Bank of Japan official said the central bank intends to keep monetary policy steady.

Masaharu Sakudo, of Tachibana Securities, said: "The report was certainly welcomed by the market, but it's not being taken as a sign the discount rate is coming down."

● **Hong Kong** — Share prices moved slightly higher in dull trading dominated by blue chips. The Hang Seng index edged up 3.09 points to close at 3,717.46. Prices opened higher, bolstered by bargain hunting before afternoon profit-taking dampened the rise.

Volume was a light $HK1.12 billion , slightly down from Monday's turnover of $HK1.14 billion.

● **Sydney** — Australian shares climbed to a higher close for the fourth straight business session. The All Ordinaries index rose 9.0 points, or 0.6 per cent, to 1,471.7, pushed up by demand for banking, retail and transport stocks.

Brokers said the market largely ignored the release of February retail trade figures, focusing instead on an expected cut in interest rates.

● **Frankfurt** — The Dax index held an important psychological level at 1,600 for the second day running, ending 1.94 points higher at 1,603.36, the highest close since last September. Trade was quiet, with few customer orders adding to the activities of dealers. But some dealers said the fact that recent gains had been held might prompt investors to buy for fear of missing a rally. *(Reuter)*

STOCK MARKET

Hanson bid alert stirs speculators

THE stock market went on a bid alert after learning of Hanson's fund-raising exercise, with the speculators quickly focusing their sights on the most likely targets.

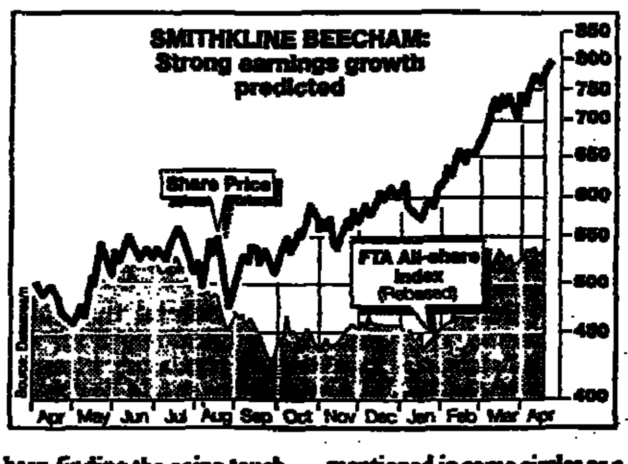
Early speculation linked Hanson's name with William Hill, the betting office chain acquired by Brent Walker, the debt-laden leisure group, from Sears last year. But Lord Hanson quickly made it clear to the City that he has no intention of bidding for the bookmaker. Even so, the Brent Walker share price enjoyed a bout of wishful thinking, ending 4p up at 75p, after touching 79p. Hanson closed down 5p at 225p.

Hanson's name is continually linked with a number of major companies and this was enough to provide a flurry of excitement among the shares of most of them, although best levels were not always held.

Heading the list is **Allied-Lyons**, the brewing and food group, 6p stronger at 535p. Allied was the subject of an unsuccessful £1.8 billion bid by Elders IXL in 1985. **Pilkington**, up 3p at 205p, was on the receiving end of an abortive bid a few years back from BTR, which continues to own a near-3 per cent stake. Speculators claim BTR could sell its holding on to Hanson, providing the springboard for a full offer.

Boots, 2p lower at 385p after 392p, is also seen as vulnerable because of its strong property portfolio. Its retail operation, including Halfords and Payless DIY, has been finding the going tough.

ECC, the china clays and building products group, 4p higher at 437p, is also seen as a possible target for Hanson. **Blue Circle Industries**, unchanged at 259p, has been feeling the effects of the recession because of the downturn in construction and increased foreign competition. Hanson was reckoned to have been the unnamed buyer that tried to build a stake in the company a couple of years ago via a dawn raid. And **BPB Industries**, 2p better at 227p, has been mentioned in some circles as a possible target.



The ramp of the £557 million Bass rights issue, which closes tomorrow, is expected to be placed in the market in the next few days. Dealers are hoping the price will then be able to sustain some kind of rally. The shares, 984p when the rights was announced, were 1p up at 932p yesterday.

The rest of the equity market reached an all-time high in early trading, but it proved short-lived. Prices went into reverse with the FT-SE 100 index wiping out an early gain of almost 13 points to finish 23.3 lower at 2,519.5.

Dealers claim this week's fluctuations have been prompted by events in the futures market, where investors have been struggling to cover short positions in the June series.

Now that most of the short positions in the future have been covered, equity market-makers are in a position to call prices lower.

Warburg Securities has been a big bull of the equity market recently,but was reckoned to have urged clients to take profits yesterday by pointing out that this latest rally has lacked any real depth.

Government securities finished the session mixed after the government issued a further £1.2 billion of tap stock.

Among the banks, Barclays fell 14p to 472p on vague talk of a rights issue. Midland saw an early lead on talk of a bid from **BAT Industries** — down 10p at 704p, or rival Lloyds, unchanged at 349p — whittled away, unchanged at 227p. NatWest also finished 7p cheaper at 331p.

SmithKline Beecham rose 10p to 818p with brokers encouraged by the outcome of Monday's presentation, hard on the heels of a similar one in New York on Friday.

The group reassured the City about future earnings growth. This had been called into question by the expiry of the patent for Tagamet, its anti-ulcer drug, in 1994.

Analysts were worried this would be accompanied by a collapse in earnings. But SB has promised earnings growth of at least 15 per cent per annum during the next few years. It says its research and development programme remains intensive and this is underlined by a strong portfolio of new drugs expected to come on stream within the next few years.

Beeson Gregory, the stockbroker, likes the look of Perkins Foods, up 1p at 152p. In March, the group reported pre-tax profits up 84 per cent at £18.1 million, with £24.5 million likely this year. With £9 million in the bank, it expects to reap the benefits of last year's £33 million acquisitions.

Analysts are now urging clients to switch out of rival Glaxo, 15p down at £10.85, and into SB, which enjoys a cheaper rating than its rival.

Royal Insurance touched 480p before closing 7p cheaper at 467p. The group is selling its reinsurance operation to General Reinsurance, America's biggest reinsurance company. Analysts estimate the business yielded Royal around £80 million. The rest of the composites lost ground, not helped by a cautious annual statement from **Commercial Union** saying that 1991 will be another demanding year. The shares finished 12p lower at 516p. There were also losses for GRE, 4p to 210p, General Accident, 21p to 534p, and Sun Alliance, 8p to 365p.

Asda, the supermarket group, continued to respond to this week's profit downgrading by Hoare Govett with a fall of 4p to 129p. Asda is meeting increasing competition from its main rivals Tesco, 1p lighter at 282p, and J Sainsbury, 11p lower at 379p.

On Monday, analysts saw the opening of Sainsbury's latest store in Crawley, Sussex, but the shares failed to respond, overshadowed by recommendations to switch out of the shares and into Tesco. Kleinwort Benson has switched its Sainsbury recommendation from a buy to a hold.

MICHAEL CLARK

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2951.24 (+18.07)*
S&P Composite	383.26 (+2.07)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	26813.30 (+117.77)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3717.46 (+3.09)
FT-SE Euro 100	1113.65 (-11.81)
Sydney: AO	1471.7 (+9.0)
Frankfurt: DAX	1603.36 (+1.94)
Paris: CAC	487.15 (-0.73)
Zurich: SKA Gen	554.3 (-6.7)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	1219.96 (-9.30)
FT.— "500"	1344.90 (-9.02)
FT. Gold Mines	138.40 (-1.60)
FT. Fixed interest	94.57 (-0.08)
FT. Govt Secs	85.07 (-0.10)
Bargains	30305
SEAQ Volume	446.0m
USM (Datastream)	136.06 (-0.56)

*Denotes latest trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Aberdeen Tst	58
Atlantis Resources	37
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	121
Alliance Res	43 -1
Brabant Res (155p)	134
CMW Group (30p)	48
Castle Cairn (50p)	39 +1
Drayton Blue Chip	102
EFM Java Tst (50p)	46 +2
East German Inv	115
Eidos (100p)	53 -5
Elonbrook	67
Europa Energy	14
Faber Prest (175p)	129
Highcroft Inv	185
Invergordon (135p)	160
Lavercrest (108p)	64
MMEC	3½
MMI (20p)	24
Malaysia Capital	27¼
Midland Radio	89 -6
Proteus Intl (84p)	118
Seton Healthcare	176
Smaller IT	78
Stand Platform (225p)	172
Trio Inv Tst	42
Utd Uniform	88
Unichem (100p)	182 +1
Wig Tpe App	229 -6
RIGHTS ISSUES	
BPP N/P	43
BASS N/P	110 -2
Bellway N/P	15 -7
Berkeley N/P	75 +1
Gaelic Res N/P	½
Harstone N/P	49 +6
Ibstock J N/P	9
Nat Aust N/P	17 +1
Ocean N/P	35 -6
Persimmon N/P	32
Sage Gp N/P	60½ +16½

(Issue price in brackets).

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,775	CU	844	Lucas	808	Royal Ins	823
Allo-Lyons	4,000	Courtaulds	541	M&S	4,415	Sainsbury	4,259
Anglian	527	Enterprise	182	Maxwell Cm	2,767	Scot & N	1,672
ASDA	3,192	Eurotunnel	172	MEPC	42	Sears	2,066
AB Foods	284	Fisons	2,394	Midland	4,487	Severn Trnt	1,458
Argyll	1,535	Gen Acc	828	Natl Power	11	Shell	5,080
BAA	762	GEC	5,284	Nat West	2,375	Smith & N	2,414
BET	1,048	Glaxo	2,128	N W Water	367	SK Beech	1,622
BTR	1,303	Grand Met	3,100	P&O	1,047	Sun Allnce	848
BAT	885	GUS 'A'	327	Pearson	481	Tarmac	1,008
Barclays	2,881	GRE	1,738	Pilkington	4,170	Tate Lyle	1,982
Bass	862	Guinness	307	PowerGen	7,300	TSB	2,791
BICC	1,050	Hamm 'A'	27	Prudential	3,953	Tesco	2,384
Bk Scotland	1,117	Hanson	21,474	Racal	2,365	Thames Wtr	2,347
Blue Circle	508	H & C	2,828	Rk Hovis	929	Thorn EMI	255
BOC	284	Hawker	167	Rank	1,753	Trafalgar	630
Boots	1,787	Hillsdown	458	R&C	140	THF	882
Br Aero	1,351	ICI	1,284	Redland	242	Ultramar	1,227
Br Airways	1,882	Kingfisher	785	Reed	569	Unilever	1,357
Br Gas	6,700	Lasmo	2,767	Reuters	1,129	United Bis	1,581
Br Petrol	5,305	Ladbroke	1,932	RMC Gp	663	Wellcome	341
Br Steel	1,844	Land Sec	813	RTZ	1,181	Whitbrd	554
Br Telecom	4,171	L&G	678	R-Royce	3,822	Wig Teape	509
C&W	846	Lloyds	3,845	Rothmn 'B'	100	Williams	361
Cadbury	2,488	Lonrho	1,017	Royal Bank	524	Willis Cor	746

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyons	500	35	46	63	2	16	21
(*532)	550	4½	20	38	20½	41	45
	600	1½	8	19	70	78	80
ASDA	120	10	16	17	1	4	6½
(*129)	130	3	10	12	4½	7½	11
	140	1	5½	7½	12	14	17
Bass	929	15	52	77	12	40	47
(*932)	977	3	32	54	50	67	74
	1026	1½	18	33	98	105	108
Boots	330	57	63	71	1	4½	6
(*385)	360	27	37	48	1	11	14
	390	5½	19	31	10	23	27
Br Airways	140	22	24	26	1	5½	8
(*159)	160	4	9½	16	5	13	15
	180	½	4½	10	22	29	30
BP	308	54	58	61	1	3	4½
(*353)	330	25	33	39	1	7	11
	360	3½	15½	23	11	18	24
Br Steel	130	9	14	16	1	6	7½
(*139)	140	2½	7½	11	3½	11	12
	160	1	3	5	23	26	27
C & W	460	85	95	105	½	5	8
(*541)	500	45	60	75	1	13	18
	550	6	28	46	15	33	40
CU	460	62	77	82	1	5	10
(*516)	500	22	46	56	1½	16	25
	550	3	20	31	33	42	50
Courtauld	360	42	47	59	¾	6½	11
(*390)	390	14	28	40	3½	17	21
	420	2	14	25	23	35	38
GKN	330	42	55	58	1	5	11
(*369)	360	14	35	37	4	14	22
	390	3	18	25	23	30	38
Grand Met	750	65	92	111	2	16	24
(*809)	800	21	56	80	7	33	42
	850	3	32	55	40	59	66
ICI	1000	62	105	120	2	19	35
(*1053)	1050	21	73	90	12	37	57
	1100	4½	48	65	45	64	82
Kingfisher	420	77	84	92	1	5	9
(*494)	460	37	50	64	2	14	18
	500		30	42		32	38
Ladbroke	260	20	34	42	2	9	14
(*277)	280	5½	20	30	8	16	24
	300	2	12	20	24	31	34
Land Sec	500	42	52	57	1½	8	14
(*538)	550	4	16	30	16	34	37
	600	1	5½	13	63	74	78
M & S	220	40	44	50	1	2	4
(*258)	240	20	26	35	1	6½	9
	260	4½	15	23	5	15	17½
Sainsbury	330	52	56	68	1	3	5½
(*379)	360	22	33	45	1	9	14
	390	2½	16	27	13	23	26
Shell	460	51	68	78	2	5	9
(*510)	500	13	38	49	5	16	23
	550	2	-	-	43	-	-
Smkl Beech	700	125	139	153	1	4	9
(*818)	750	75	93	115	1½	11	18
	800	22	60	82	6	28	34
Storehse	110	10	14	18	2½	6	9
(*119)	120	3	9½	12	6	10	12
	130	1½	5½	-	13	17	-
Trafalgar	240	16	24	34	2½	17	22
(*250)	260	4	16	24	13	28	34
	280	1½	8½	18	32	44	47
Ultramar	300	28	40	47	2	7	10
(*323)	330	5	22	30	10	18	23
	360	1	10	16	38	38	40
Unilever	650	115	135	154	1½	4	5½
(*758)	700	65	90	114	2	8	12
	750	22	50	78	5½	20	27
	800	2	29	49	43	50	52
Utd Bisc	330	57	68	77	1	1½	4
(*385)	360	27	42	52	1	6	10
	390	3½	22	33	8	17	21
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAA	390	48	57	68	3½	11	14
(*428)	420	24	38	48	12	22	26
	460	6	18	26	38	42	45
BAT Ind	600	115	121	128	2	6½	12
(*704)	650	69	82	90	5	17	26
	700	30	50	62	18	37	47
	750	-	28	40	50	65	75
BTR	360	49	62	65	1½	6	9½
(*399)	390	24	40	46	8	14	19
	420	10	26	31	25	29	34
Br Aero	550	102	117	127	3	9	14
(*635)	600	55	80	93	11	20	30
	650	23	47	62	28	40	50
Br Telecom	330	39	47	53	1½	5½	8½
(*364)	360	16	24	34	8	17	19
	390	3½	12½	20	27	34	36
Cadbury	360	42	54	62	2½	9	10
(*394)	390	18	34	43	11	18	22
	420	5½	18	28	32	34	37
Guinness	850	76	107	124	7	17	25
(*908)	900	40	74	93	21	35	43
	950	17	48	67	50	60	65
GEC	200	10	13½	19	5½	12½	15
(*202)	220	2½	6	10	19½	26	28
	240	1	-	-	39	-	-
Hanson	220	9½	16	22½	5½	11	13
(*220)	240	3	7½	13	20	24	25½
	260	1	3½	7½	40	41	42
LASMO	330	50	60	67	4	9	12
(*366)	360	23	40	50	12	20	23
	390	10	22	35	30	37	38
P & O	550	55	73	82	5	12	21
(*590)	600	19	41	50	25	30	41
	650	5	20	29	60	62	72
Pilkington	160	48	58	52	1½	3½	4½
(*205)	180	30	32	36	2	7½	9½
	200	13½	19½	25	7	16	19
Prudential	220	32	40	43	2½	4½	7½
(*248)	240	16	26	30	6	10	14
	260	5	15	19	17	20	24

	Series	Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
Racal	220	21	-	-	5	-	-
(*232)	240	9½	-	-	15	-	-
	260	4	-	-	30	-	-
	280	1½	-	-	50	-	-
RTZ	460	92	106	112	2	4½	8
(*543)	500	55	73	82	5	12	17
	550	22	41	52	21	29	37
	600	5	22	31	38	60	67
Scot New	330	58	65	-	2	5½	-
(*379)	360	32	40	47	4	13	15
	390	13	22	29	17	28	31
	420	4	10	18	42	49	52
Tesco	253	34	41	-	2½	4	-
(*282)	280	11	22	27	7	11	13
	300	4	12	19	21	23	25
Thames W	280	44	49	51	2	5	6½
(*317)	300	27	33	36	4	10	12
	330	8	14	19	15	27	29
Lucas	140	28	33	37	1½	3½	6
(*164)	160	11	18	24	6	10	14
	180	4	9	14	20	22	25
	Series	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Fisons	420	52	67	81	1	6	8
(*470)	460	14	38	53	4	16	20
	500	1½	18	32	32	38	41
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Abbey Nat	240	46	50	57	1	3	4½
(*279)	260	29	34	42	3½	7½	9
	280	16	22	30	10½	16	18
Amstrad	70	12½	18	20	1½	5	6
(*79)	80	6	11	15½	5½	7	11
	90	3	7	10	13	14½	16
Barclays	420	58	70	78	5	13	18
(*460)	460	29	42	53	18	29	32
	500	12	23	31	42	50	54
Blue Circ	240	21	29	33	9	15	16
(*257)	260	10½	18	23	20	24	26
	280	5½	11	16	34	37	48
Br Gas	220	31	34	38	2½	5	7
(*246)	240	16	19	25	7	12	13
	260	7	9	14	17	26	27
Dixons	160	33	35	40	2½	5½	7½
(*186)	180	16½	22	27	6½	12	15
	200	7	13	16	17	24	25
Glaxo	1050	75	-	129	23	-	50
(*1085)	1100	45	-	102	47	-	70
	1150	25	-	79	80	-	100
Hawker	500	97	105	113	5	15	22
(*586)	550	54	73	80	22	32	40
	600	27	48	58	50	60	70
Hillsdown	240	25	36	42	7½	13	16
(*261)	260	14	24	30	17	21	25
	280	6	14	22	31	33	37
Lonrho	240	39	44	49	2½	7	9
(*272)	260	24	30	37	7	12	15
	280	10½	18	26	16	23	24
Midland	180	56	59	63	1	4	5½
(*227)	200	36	43	50	4	9	11
	220	23	29	37	10½	16	20
	240	13	20	27	22	27	32
Reuters	800	103	122	130	20	40	50
(*863)	850	65	95	122	38	60	70
	900	37	73	97	67	85	95
R-Royce	140	34	39	41	1½	3	4
(*170)	160	19	23	27	4½	8	10
	180	6½	13	18	14	17	19
Sears	80	13	13	15	3	4	5
(*90)	90	4½	7	9	7	9	9½
	100	1½	4	6	15	15½	17
THF	260	15	23	30	11	16	18
(*278)	280	7	14	17	24	27	30
	300	3	8	-	43	43	-
Thorn EMI	650	95	93	98	4	13	17
(*724)	700	55	58	67	13	32	35
	750	26	32	45	37	59	62
	800	12	17	-	75	95	-
TSB	130	33	34	-	1½	2	-
(*158)	140	23	25	28	2	4	4½
	160	7½	12	15	7	10	11
Vaal Reefs	50	10	12	14	3½	5½	6½
(*$56)	60	5	7	9½	8	11	12
Wellcome	460	92	109	117	5	12	16
(*539)	500	60	80	90	13	22	28
	550	30	50	62	35	43	49
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastern Elec	160	30	33	34	2	5	6
(*188)	180	14	19	20	4½	13	15
	200	5	10	12	14	25	26
Sthrn Elec	160	43	-	-	1	-	-
(*201)	180	22	-	-	1½	-	-
	200	9	-	-	8	-	-
Elec Pack	1800	290	-	-	25	-	-
(*£2053)	1850	250	-	-	35	-	-
	1900	195	-	-	50	-	-
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**-**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**-**
Nat Power	120	14	17	-	2½	6	-
(*130)	130	8	11	-	6	11½	-
	140	4	6½	-	13	19	-

FT-SE INDEX (*£2519)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
Apr	176	131	85	45	18	5
May	208	153	114	77	50	30
Jun	233	192	163	107	79	52
Jul	266	225	186	152	120	73
Dec	—	273	—	210	—	153
Puts						
Apr	3½	5	10	23	54	93
May	12	19	31	48	76	107
Jun	18	28	43	58	83	118
Jul	22	38	44	72	87	102
Dec	—	75	—	110	—	157

April 16, 1991 Total: 33488 Calls 22496 Puts 10992 FT-SE: Calls 5102 Puts 2348

*Underlying security price.

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ISSUE OF £1,200,000,000
10 per cent CONVERSION STOCK, 1996
FOR AUCTION ON A BID PRICE BASIS

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:
Deposit on application:
with a competitive bid — Price bid less £50 per cent
with a non-competitive bid — £50 per cent
Balance of purchase money:
On Tuesday, 28th May 1991 — £50 per cent
INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 15TH MAY AND 15TH NOVEMBER

This Stock will, on issue, be an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the Council of The International Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List on 25th April 1991.

1. THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive bids for the above Stock.

2. The principal of and interest on the Stock will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. The Stock will be repaid at par on 15th November 1996.

4. The Stock will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, and will be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Stock registered at the Bank of England held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office (CGO) Service will also be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by exempt transfer in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1982 and the relevant subordinate legislation. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

5. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 15th May and 15th November. Income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. Interest will accrue from Thursday, 25th April 1991 and the first interest payment will be made on 15th November 1991 at the rate of £5.1370 per £100 of the Stock.

Method of Application

6. Bids may be made on either a competitive or a non-competitive basis, as set out below, and must be submitted on the application form published with this prospectus. Each application form must comprise either one competitive bid or one non-competitive bid. Separate arrangements have been made under which gilt-edged market makers may make competitive bids by telephone to the Bank of England not later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 24th April 1991.

7. Application forms must be sent to the Chief Registrar, Bank of England (New Issues), PO Box 444, Gloucester, GL1 1NP to arrive not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL 1991; or lodged by hand at the Central Gilts Office, Bank of England, Bank Buildings, 19 Old Jewry, London not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL 1991; or lodged by hand at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England not later than 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 23RD APRIL 1991. Bids will not be revocable between 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 24th April 1991 and 10.00 a.m.on Monday, 29th April 1991.

8. Each bid must be for a minimum amount and in a multiple of Stock as follows:-

Amount of Stock applied for	*Multiple*
Competitive bids (minimum £100,000)	
£100,000-£1,000,000	£100,000
£1,000,000 or greater	£1,000,000
Non-competitive bids (minimum £1,000)	
£1,000-£10,000	£1,000
£10,000-£50,000	£5,000
£50,000-£100,000	£25,000

9. COMPETITIVE BIDS

(i) Each competitive bid must be for one amount and at one price expressed as a multiple of 1/32nd of £1 and must be for a minimum of £100,000 nominal of Stock.

(ii) Unless the applicant is a member of the CGO Service, a separate cheque representing the DEPOSIT DUE, i.e. THE PRICE BID LESS £50 FOR EVERY £100 NOMINAL OF STOCK BID FOR, must accompany each competitive bid. Cheques must be drawn on a branch or office, situated within the Town Clearing area, of a settlement member of CHAPS and Town Clearing Company Limited.

(iii) Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any competitive bid or part of any competitive bid. Competitive bids will be ranked in descending order of price and allotments will be made to applicants whose competitive bids are at or above the lowest price at which Her Majesty's Treasury decide that any competitive bid should be accepted (the lowest accepted price). APPLICANTS WHOSE COMPETITIVE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED WILL BE ALLOTTED STOCK AT THE PRICES WHICH THEY BID: competitive bids which are accepted and which are made at prices above the lowest accepted price will be allotted in full; competitive bids which are accepted and which are made at the lowest accepted price may be allotted in full or in part only.

10 NON-COMPETITIVE BIDS

(i) A non-competitive bid must be for not less than £1,000 nominal and not more than £100,000 nominal of Stock, and must be in one of the multiples described in paragraph 8 above.

(ii) Only one non-competitive bid may be submitted for the benefit of any one person. Multiple applications or suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected.

(iii) Unless the applicant is a member of the CGO Service, a separate cheque representing a DEPOSIT AT THE RATE OF £50 FOR EVERY £100 NOMINAL OF STOCK APPLIED FOR must accompany each non-competitive bid; cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

(iv) Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any non-competitive bid. All allotments which are made to non-competitive applicants will be made in full AT A PRICE (the non-competitive allotment price) EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE OF THE PRICES AT WHICH COMPETITIVE BIDS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, the average being weighted by reference to the amount accepted at each price and ROUNDED DOWN TO THE NEAREST MULTIPLE OF 1/32ND OF £1.

(v) If the non-competitive allotment price is less than £100 per cent, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will be refunded by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the applicant.

(vi) If the non-competitive allotment price is greater than £100 per cent, applicants whose non-competitive bids are accepted may be required to pay a further deposit equal to the non-competitive allotment price less £100 for every £100 nominal of Stock allocated to them. An applicant from whom a further deposit is required will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the amount of Stock allocated to him and of the further deposit due, but such notification will confer no right on the applicant to transfer the amount of Stock so allocated. The despatch of allotment letters to applicants from whom a further deposit is required will be delayed until such further deposit has been made.

11. Her Majesty's Treasury may allot to applicants less than the full amount of the Stock. Any balance of Stock not allotted to applicants will be allotted at the lowest accepted price to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, Issue Department.

12. Letters of allotment in respect of Stock allotted, being the only form in which the Stock (other than amounts held in the CGO Service for the account of members) may be transferred prior to registration, will be despatched by post at the risk of the applicant, but the despatch of any letter of allotment, and any refund of the balance of the amount paid as deposit, may at the discretion of the Bank of England be withheld until the applicant's cheque has been paid. In the event of such withholding, the applicant will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the acceptance of his application and of the amount of Stock allocated to him, subject in each case to the payment of his cheque, but such notification will confer no right on the applicant to transfer the Stock so allocated.

13. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £1,000 Stock. In the event of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will, when refunded, be remitted by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the applicant; if no allotment is made the amount paid as deposit will be returned likewise. Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the due date for such payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due payment of any amount in respect of the Stock will render the allotment of such Stock liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfeiture.

14. Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request to the Registrar's Department, Bank of England (New Issues), Southgate House, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1UW received not later than 23rd May 1991. Such requests must be signed and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment.

15. Subject to the provisions governing membership of the CGO Service, a member of that Service may, by completing Section D of the application form, request that any Stock allotted to him be credited direct to his account in the CGO on Thursday, 25th April 1991 by means of a member-to-member delivery from an account in the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, New Issues Account. Failure to accept such delivery by the deadline for member-to-member deliveries under the rules of the CGO Service on 25th April 1991 shall for the purposes of this prospectus constitute default in due payment of the deposit payable in respect of the relevant Stock. A member of the CGO Service may also, subject to the provisions of the agreement governing membership of that Service, surrender a partly-paid letter of allotment to the CGO for cancellation and for the Stock comprised therein to be credited to the member's account. The member who is shown by the accounts of the CGO as being entitled to any Stock shall, to the exclusion of all persons previously entitled to such Stock and any person claiming any entitlement thereto, both be treated as entitled to such Stock as if that member were the holder of a letter of allotment and be liable for the payment of any amount due in respect of such Stock. A member will be entitled at any time prior to registration to withdraw, in multiples of £100, Stock credited to the member's account and to obtain a partly-paid letter of allotment comprising such Stock, and such member shall be liable for the payment of all amounts becoming due thereafter in respect of such Stock unless and until that letter of allotment is surrendered to the CGO for cancellation as aforesaid.

16. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the balance of the purchase money is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 28th May 1991, registration of Stock held for the account of members of the CGO Service will be effected under separate arrangements.

17. Until the close of business on 11th October 1991, stock issued in accordance with this prospectus will be known as 10 per cent Conversion Stock, 1996 "B". The interest due on 15th November 1991 will be paid separately on holdings of the existing 10 per cent Conversion Stock, 1996 and on holdings of "B" stock registered at the close of business on 11th October 1991; consequently, interest mandates, authorities for income tax exemption and other notifications recorded in respect of holdings of existing stock will not be applied to the payment of interest due on 15th November 1991 on holdings of "B" stock.

18. Transfers of 10 per cent Conversion Stock, 1996 "B" may be lodged at the Bank of England for registration in that form up to 9th October 1991. After this date, for purposes of certification, the "B" stock will not be distinguished from the existing 10 per cent Conversion Stock, 1996. From the opening of business on 14th October 1991, the "B" stock will be amalgamated on the register with the existing stock. CGO account balances will have been amalgamated from the opening of business on 10th October 1991.

19. Application forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained by post from the Registrar's Department, Bank of England (New Issues), Southgate House, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1UW; at the Central Gilts Office, Bank of England, 1 Bank Buildings, Princes Street, London, EC2R 8EU or at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England; at the Bank of Ireland, Moyne Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN; or at any office of The International Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

Government Statement

Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, this Stock is issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure; and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON

16th April 1991

APPLICATION FORM

This form must be sent to the Chief Registrar, Bank of England (New Issues), PO Box 444, Gloucester, GL1 1NP to arrive not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL 1991; or lodged by hand at the Central Gilts Office, Bank of England, Bank Buildings, 19 Old Jewry, London not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL 1991; or lodged by hand at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England not later than 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 23RD APRIL 1991.

ISSUE OF £1,200,000,000
10 per cent Conversion Stock, 1996
FOR AUCTION ON A BID PRICE BASIS

TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND
I/We apply in accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 16th April 1991 as follows:—

SECTION A — *Nominal amount of above-mentioned Stock applied for, which must be for a minimum amount and in a multiple as follows:—*

Amount of Stock applied for	*Multiple*
Competitive bids (minimum £100,000)	
£100,000-£1,000,000	£100,000
£1,000,000 or greater	£1,000,000
Non-competitive bids (minimum £1,000)	
£1,000-£10,000	£1,000
£10,000-£50,000	£5,000
£50,000-£100,000	£25,000

BOX 1 NOMINAL AMOUNT OF STOCK APPLIED FOR £

SECTION B — FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS ONLY (i.e. for allotment to be made at the price bid)
Price bid per £100 nominal of Stock, being a multiple of 1/32nd of £1:-
BOX 2 PRICE BID £ 32nds
Amount of deposit enclosed, being equal to the PRICE BID (shown in Box 2) LESS £50 for every £100 NOMINAL of Stock applied for (shown in Box 1 in Section A):-
BOX 3 AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT (a) £

SECTION C — FOR NON-COMPETITIVE BIDS ONLY (i.e. for allotment to be made at the non-competitive allotment price as defined in the prospectus)
Amount of deposit enclosed, being £50 (b) for every £100 NOMINAL of Stock applied for (shown in Box 1 in Section A):-
BOX 4 AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT (a) £

SECTION D — THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CGO MEMBERS ONLY
CGO PARTICIPANT NUMBER .... Telephone number ....
Name of contact ....

SECTION E — THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS
I/We hereby engage to pay the balance of the purchase money when it becomes due on any allotment that may be made in respect of this application, as provided by the said prospectus.
I/We request that any letter of allotment in respect of Stock allotted to me/us be sent by post at my/our risk to me/us at the address shown below.
IN THE CASE OF A NON-COMPETITIVE APPLICATION, I/we warrant that to my/our knowledge this is the only non-competitive application made for my/our benefit (or for the benefit of the persons on whose behalf I am/we are applying).
IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICATION BY A MEMBER OF THE CGO SERVICE WHO HAS COMPLETED SECTION D, we request that any Stock allotted to us be credited direct to our account at the Central Gilts Office. We hereby irrevocably undertake to accept such Stock by member-to-member delivery through the Central Gilts Office Service from the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, New Issues Account (Participant number 4999) by the deadline for such deliveries on 25th April 1991, and we agree that the consideration to be input in respect of such delivery shall be the aggregate amount payable by us on the allotment of such Stock in accordance with the terms of the prospectus.

Date .... SIGNATURE(S) ....
of, or on behalf of, applicant

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(a) A separate cheque must accompany each application. Cheques should be made payable to "Bank of England" and crossed "New Issues". In respect of competitive bids, cheques must be drawn on a branch or office, situated within the Town Clearing area, of a settlement member of CHAPS and Town Clearing Company Limited. In respect of non-competitive bids, cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

(b) The procedure for any refund, or further deposit payable, is set out in the prospectus.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Gt Western Res	Oil,Gas	
2	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
3	LASMO	Oil,Gas	
4	Leeds	Textiles	
5	Goodhead	Paper,Print,Adv	
6	Boot (Henry)	Building,Roads	
7	Grampian Hdg	Industrials E-K	
8	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
9	ECC Group	Industrials E-K	
10	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
11	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
12	Gaskell	Textiles	
13	IMI	Industrials E-K	
14	Brown & Jackson	Drapery,Stores	
15	Pendragon	Motors,Aircraft	
16	Bentalls	Drapery,Stores	
17	Memec	Electricals	
18	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
19	Provident	Banks,Discount	
20	Davis (Godfrey)	Industrials A-D	
21	Metalrax	Industrials L-R	
22	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
23	Central TV	Leisure	
24	Grainger	Property	
25	Stag Furniture	Industrials S-Z	
26	Wassall	Industrials S-Z	
27	Brent Walker	Leisure	
28	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
29	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
30	Helical Bar	Property	
31	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
32	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
33	Low (Wm)	Foods	
34	Compass Gp	Leisure	
35	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
36	Rank Org	Industrials L-R	
37	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
38	Blacks Leis	Drapery,Stores	
39	Ntim Foods	Foods	
40	Debenham Tewson	Property	
41	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	
42	Pilkington	Industrials L-R	
43	Pittard Garnar	Shoes, Leather	
44	Johnstone Press	Newspapers,Pub	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

The £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was won yesterday by Mr Gordon Shannon, of Dartmouth, Devon.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares slide from peak

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 15. Dealings end April 26. §Contango day April 29. Settlement day May 7.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yield	Gross Red. yield
98¾	97	Treas	3¼	1991	98¾		..	...
98¾	96¾	Fund	5¾	1987-91	98¾			
98	96¾	Treas		1991	98		8.15	11.048
98¾	96¾	Treas C	10%	1991	98¾		10.8	11.882
98¾	94¾	Exch	11%	1991	98¾		11.0	11.249
98¾	96¾	Treas	11¾%	1991	98¾			
95¾	91¾	Treas	3%	1992	95¾		3.1	8.608
97¾	92¾	Treas	8%	1992	97¾		8.20	10.738
98¾	97¾	Treas	10%	1992	98¾		10.0	10.868
98¾	94¾	Treas C	10¼%	1992	98¾		10.5	10.778
102¾	100¾	Exch	12¾%	1992	101¾		12.0	10.736
101¾	100¾	Treas	12¾%	1992	101¾		12.5	10.980
104¾	98¾	Exch	13½%	1992	103¾		13.0	10.820
93	88¾	Fund	6%	1993	93		6.4	9.224
96¾	94	Treas	8¼%	1993	96¾		8.5	10.479
99¾	94¾	Treas	10%	1993	99¾	-¼	10.0	10.410
104¾	102¾	Treas	12½%	1993	104		12.0	10.408
108¾	105¾	Treas	13¾%	1993	107¾	+¼	12.8	10.431
98	92¾	Treas	8½%	1994	95¾		8.8	10.384
98¾	93¾	Treas	9%	1994	96¾		9.38	10.387
99¾	96¾	Treas	10%	1994	99¾		10.0	10.370
105¾	97¾	Exch	12½%	1994	106¾		11.7	10.365
109	101¾	Exch	13½%	1994	108		12.4	10.332
111¾	108¾	Treas	14½%	1994	110¾	-¼	13.1	10.290
87	72¾	Gas	3%	1990-95	85¾			
100¾	98¾	Exch	10¼%	1995	100		10.2	10.281
105¾	102¾	Treas	12%	1995	105¾		11.4	10.278
109¾	102¾	Treas	12¾%	1995	108¾		11.7	10.276

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yield	Gross Red. yield
96¾	92¾	Treas	9%	1992-96	96¾		9.3	9.917
100	94¾	Conv	10%	1996	98¾		10.1	10.271
112¾	104¾	Exch	13¾%	1996	110¾		11.9	10.497
113¾	108¾	Treas	14%	1996	112¾		12.4	10.582
118¾	115¾	Treas	15¼%	1996	118¾		12.9	10.508
94¾	89¾	Treas	8¾%	1997	93¾		9.3	10.185
102¾	98	Exch	10½%	1997	100¾		10.4	10.287
113¾	108¾	Treas	13¼%	1997	111¾		11.8	10.451
122¾	112¾	Exch	15%	1997	120¾		12.4	10.561
86¾	88	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	85¾		7.9	9.840
88¾	83¾	Exch	9¾%	1998	97¾		8.9	10.242
108¾	102¾	Exch	12%	1998	108¾		11.0	10.382
127¾	121¾	Treas	15½%	1998	125¾		12.3	10.437
97¾	92¾	Treas	9½%	1999	98¾		9.6	10.115
101¾	95¾	Conv	10¼%	1999	100		10.3	10.238
102¾	98¾	Treas	10½%	1999	101¾		10.3	10.249
111¾	105	Exch	12¼%	1999	110¾		11.1	10.350
94¾	88¾	Conv	9%	2000	93¾	-¼	9.6	10.076
118¾	110¾	Treas	13%	2000	115		11.3	10.440
100¾	94¾	Treas	10%	2001	98¾		10.1	10.188
118¾	110¾	Treas	14%	1998-01	118¾		11.9	10.555
98¾	90¾	Treas	9¾%	2002	97¾		10.0	10.191
100¾	94¾	Treas	10%	2003	98¾	-¼	10.1	10.183
117¾	114¾	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	117¾			
58¾	53¾	Fund	3½%	1999-04	57¾		6.08	8.085
97	90¾	Conv	9½%	2004	95¾		9.9	10.129
108¾	101¾	Treas	11½%	2001-04	108¾	-¼	10.7	10.480
97¾	90¾	Conv	9½%	2005	95¾		9.9	10.109
118¾	110¾	Treas	12½%	2003-05	116		10.7	10.216

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yield	Gross Red. yield
85¾	79¾	Treas	8%	2002-06	83¾	+¼	9.5	10.080
90	84¾	Treas	8¾%	2007	88¾		9.5	9.938
112¾	105¾	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	110¾		10.6	10.174
94¾	88¾	Treas	9%	2008	93¾		9.6	9.834
125¾	118¾	Treas	13½%	2004-08	123¾		10.9	10.191
85¾	88¾	Treas	8%	2009	84¾		9.6	9.882
94¾	88¾	Conv	9%	2011	92¾		9.7	9.858
63¾	58¾	Treas	5½%	2008-12	61¾		8.9	9.807
82¾	78¾	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	80¾	+¼	9.6	9.879
121¾	113¾	Exch	12%	2013-17	119¾		10.0	9.976

UNDATED

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yield
25¾	23¾	Consols	2½%	24¾	-¼	..
39¾	37¾	Conv	3½%	38	-¼	..
40¾	37¾	Consols	4%	38¾	-¼	..
25¾	23¾	Treas	2½%	24¾		..
29¾	27¾	Treas	3%	28¾	-¼	..
36¾	33¾	War Ln	3½%	35¾	-¼	9.9

INDEX-LINKED

High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge
127¾	127¾	Treas IL	2%	1992	127¾	
117¾	115¾	Treas IL	2%	1994	117¾	+¼
171¾	168¾	Treas IL	2%	1996	171¾	
141¾	133¾	Treas IL	2½%	2001	141¾	
137	133¾	Treas IL	2½%	2003	137	
139	136	Treas IL	2%	2006	139	
129	124¾	Treas IL	2½%	2009	129	
132¾	126¾	Treas IL	2½%	2011	132¾	
109¾	105¾	Treas IL	2½%	2013	109¾	
117	111¾	Treas IL	2½%	2016	117	
113¾	102¾	Treas IL	2½%	2020	113¾	-¼
95	91¾	Treas IL	2½%	2024	94¾	-¼

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

BREWERIES

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
203	142	East Midlands	199	202	-1	20.1	5.9	11.3
189	134½	Eastern Elect	188	189	-1	18.9	5.9	12.2
204	136	London Elect	201	203	-1	18.9	5.8	12.0
241	161	Manweb	232	236	-2	21.3	6.7	11.1
197	136	Midlands Elec	195	198	+1	20.1	6.0	11.0
210	143	Northern Elec	203	207	-1	21.7	6.3	10.1
205¾	143	Norweb	202	207	+2	20.8	6.0	11.0
199	124	Seeboard	197	199		18.7	5.6	12.7
238	154	Sth Wales	229	232	-4	21.3	5.7	11.3
212	130	Sth Western	207	210		20.3	5.8	11.8
205	139½	Southern Elec	200	202	-1	19.8	5.7	12.2
222	157	Yorkshire Elec	218	220	+1	20.6	5.7	10.3
£2053	£1000	Package Unit	£2053		-65			
140¾	100	National Power	130	131	-2¾	11.0	5.4	8.9
140¾	100	PowerGen	135	137	+¾	11.1	5.3	9.6

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
332	301	Abingworth	328	332		2.0	0.6	
40	25	Aitken Hume	30	35		2.0	6.1	14.7
48	40	Ass Henriques	48½	49½		4.31		
148	80	Baltic Plc	138	145●-1		5.5	3.9	6.3
165	115	Berkeley Govett	152	157				
18	5½	Burns-Anderson	14½	18				
21	17	Camelia	17	19●		33.3	1.9	20.6
268	223	Candover	285	285●		11.3	3.9	20.4
21	8	Centreway	8	12				1.5
382	205	Harvey&Thompson	330	360		22.0	6.6	7.8
18	16	IFICO	14	17				20.3
115	93	Ivory & Sime	112	117	+2	7.7	6.7	33.7
11¾	5¾	LIT	8¾	10¾	+¾			
157	126	Nat Home Loans	138	140	+2	12.0	8.7	6.6
34	22	Newmarket	27	29				
22	14	Rothschild	15	17●		1.1	6.9	6.7
66	38	Silverstone Plc	45	45●+2				
875	838	Slough & Fried	780	805		3.3b	7.5	10.1
82	58	S.P Capital	70	73	+1	4.0	5.6	
280	188	Templeton Gltwth	236	245●				

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17¾	9¾	American Express	15¾		●-¾			
12	8	Babcock Prebon	8	10		3.5	40.6	
280	210	Electra	255	258	-3	8.1	3.2	27.2
705	535	Henderson Admin	680	685		50.0	7.4	8.9
105	58	Invesco MIM	94	96●		8.0	8.3	17.5
120¾	87	MAI	116	119●+1		6.7	5.7	8.6
575	453	MAM	565	570	+3	26.0	4.5	11.5
665	365	M & G	480	500		22.7	4.6	15.4
145	65	Smith New Court	125	128		4.7	3.7	5.1
80	18	Tyndall Hldgs	53	58	-1			15.7

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
59	38	City Centre Rest	49	51	+1	1.9	3.8	12.4
38	18	Copnes PLC	28	37				
312	185	Friendly Hotels	283	285	+7	6.7	2.3	8.3
304	190	Ladbroke	275	278●-3		14.2	5.1	10.4
39	27	Mandarin Oriental	34	35	-1			
29	17	Prindent Hotels	22	23				
102	74	Queens Moat	94	97●		3.5b	3.6	10.8
88	60	Resort Hotels	78	82 r	+1	4.5	5.6	10.0
865	765	Savoy Hotels 'A'	802	835●		9.3	1.1	28.2
45	36	Stakis	53	58		3.6	6.5	13.6
288	207	Trusthouse 'R'	268	271	-2	13.2	4.9	12.2

INDUSTRIALS A-D

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INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
15	11	Alex & Alex	14¾					
22¾	14¾	Am Gen	22¾		-¾			
120	93	Archer (AJ)	115	120		11.2	9.5	7.2
282	143	Bradstock	150	155●		8.8	3.9	17.7
864	599	Britannic	852	857●+2		32.7	3.8	20.8
584	444	Com Union	513	518●-12		30.7	5.9	
48	35	FAI	43	45				
842	448	Gen Accident	520	527●-21		35.7	6.7	
228	171	GRE	207	211●-5		15.9	7.6	
558	438	Heath C E	528	533		34.6	6.5	15.7
201	153	Hogg Gp	197	200		10.7	5.4	12.1
475	340	Legal & Gen	463	467●-5		23.6	5.1	
442	312	Lloyds Abbey	432	435●+4		22.7	5.2	
371	285	Lloyd Thompson	365	369●		10.5	2.9	20.1
368	285	London & Man	327	332●-5		17.8	5.4	22.7
480	393	Marsh McLen	48¾		●-¾			
141	109	Oriel	137	144				
100	81	PWS	88	92		4.7	5.2	8.0
262½	167	Prudential	246	248●		12.7	5.5	41.2
715	577	Refuge	690	697●		35.7	5.1	25.9
481	357	Royal	465	470●-7		34.7	7.4	
378	216	Sedgwick	280	285●-5		16.0	6.1	25.0
358	254	Steel Burrill	300	305●-1		18.3	6.4	15.6
268	226	Stenga Hldgs	235	237		12.8	7.7	7.4
408	308	Sun Alliance	363	367●-8		18.7	5.1	
125¾	94	Sun Life	117¾	118¾●-¾		6.5	5.4	
106	85	Trade Indemnity	88	90●		2.5	2.8	
335	242	Willis Corroon	327	331	-4	17.5b	5.3	37.4
21	10	Windsor	18	20				70.0

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LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
248	185	Anglia TV 'A'	197	200●		12.4	6.2	8.1
173	123	Barr & WA 'A'	160	175	-5	13.0	7.7	7.4
665	425	Boosey & Hawkes	620	650●		21.9	3.4	13.0
87	45	Brent Walker	73	77	+4	20.0	26.7	0.6
55	43	Buckingham Intl	48	49●		2.8	5.8	7.3
290	183	Campari	287	290●		14.7	5.1	7.9
201	124	Capital Radio	197	200		7.0	3.5	13.2
533	350	Carlton Comm	483	488	-12	19.5	4.0	11.0
253	188	Castle Comm	235	245●		11.2	4.7	10.6
555	480	Central TV	550	560	+5	38.0	6.8	7.3
88	38	Chrysalis	77	81		5.3	6.7	
60	38¾	Clydesdale	50	52●		1.3	2.5	8.4
468	361	Compass Gp	452	457	+2	13.6	3.0	15.9
12	6	Euro Disney	11¾	11¾				
30	14	Euro Leisure	18	23	-1	2.3	10.5	3.6
255	186	First Leisure	249	253	+4	6.7	2.7	17.5
73	55	Grampian	66	70		4.7	6.9	7.5
51	36	HTV Group	50	54●		5.0	9.6	12.7
210	125	Horizon Travel Books	200	220				
67	21¾	Kunick	38	44		2.7	6.2	8.7
91	60	LWT CP	83	87		8.3	9.8	
359	288	Marina Devs	337	347		16.0	4.7	18.9
90	38	Owners Abroad	85	87 r	-4	3.9	4.5	8.4
38	15	The Pelican Gp	32	36		2.7	8.0	
127	87	Dowdswell Group	92	94		5.3	5.8	8.3
615	515	Scot TV	600	610		34.3	5.6	7.7
192	97	Stanley Leisure	150	154	+1	8.2	4.1	8.3
175	110	Sussex & Vine	155	175		4.7	2.8	25.0
97	54	TVS	67	71	-1	11.4	16.5	3.7
88	78	TSW	79	83●		9.4	11.6	6.6
302	253	Thames TV	295	304		21.3	7.1	6.1
73	61	Tottenham Hotspur	68	72		1.3	1.4	
280	202	Tyne Tees TV	275	282	+1	25.3	9.1	6.5
147	118	Ulster TV	144	146		7.3	5.0	6.9
24	14	Video Store Gp	1½	2				
88	72	Wembley	81	82		3.2	2.8	8.4
54	41	Whitegate	36	44		2.0	4.8	14.1
310	237	Yorkshire TV	278	285		19.0	6.7	8.1
123	95	Zetters Gp	113	117		8.3	8.1	11.4

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
110	80	Appleyard	101	104●+1		10.4	10.1	11.8
663	515	Br Aerospace	632	637●-3		33.3	5.2	8.7
403	358	Coltman	380	385		16.3	4.3	16.6
92	36	Cowie (T)	81	83		4.9	6.0	11.1
111	75	Dale Motors	108	112●		7.7	7.0	8.0
91	70	Davenport Vernon	70	80		5.3	7.0	6.5
185	143	Dowty	170	175	-1	12.1	7.0	6.6
150	118	ERF	140	155	-5	6.7	4.5	8.1
191	115	FR Group	170	175	-2	8.5	4.9	8.2
19¾	13¾	Ford Motor	17¾					
109	73	General Motor	102					
819	430	Honda Motor	804		-5			
45	44	Jacks (Wm)						
51	31	Jessups	48	48				
120	88	Kwik-Fit	107	110●-1		9.3	16.9	9.3
235	118	Lex Service	222	227●+2		20.4	3.4	10.1
104	88	Lookers	100	108●		8.3	9.1	
173	102	Lucas	162	165●-4		9.3	8.0	7.4
141	93	Pendragon	139	142	+3	7.2	5.7	8.2
167	100	Perry Gp	185	188	+2	12.8	6.1	8.7
73	48	Plaxton Group	55	60●		8.0b	8.4	10.9
78	45	Quicks Group	55	58		8.0	10.3	6.4
178	130	Rolls-Royce	169	171●-7		9.7	14.0	3.0
22¾	13¾	Trinova	17¾	18¾	-¾	1.9	5.7	12.2
143	114	Westland	137	141	-1	5.0	10.6	5.2
							3.6	12.4

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
52	22	Adscene	40	45		2.0	4.7	9.8
305	185	BPP	285	295 r		8.4	2.9	18.5
175	137	Barbour Index	157	167		8.3	5.1	12.2
510	300	Black (A&C)	480	510		17.3	3.5	18.0
775	570	Blenheim Gp	740	755		26.7	3.6	12.8
323	210	Bristol	302	310	-8	15.3	5.0	15.4
55	41	Daily Mail	51	53	-1¾	14.6	2.1	13.6
51	37	Daily Mail 'A'	47	49	-1¾	14.6	3.1	13.7
249	178	EMAP	237	240		8.9	3.7	18.2
388	328	Euromoney Pub	350	365		24.7	6.9	12.7
130	93	Gardner (DC)	92	95●		8.0	8.4	11.6
176	130	Haynes Publishing	127	137●		2.9	2.2	8.7
206	160	Home Counties	187	195●		11.0	5.8	10.3
8¾	2	Intl Bus Comm	1½	2½		4.0		0.1
330	213	Independent	300	310 r				
202	158	Johnstone Press	200	203●+2		8.7	3.3	12.1
261	132	Maxwell Comm	223	231	-9	20.7	9.0	28.9
402	185	News Corp	375	385	-3			
185	85	News Intl	150	185		31.0	3.8	
735	580	Pearson	730	738●-8		31.0	4.2	12.5
305	225	Portsmouth Sund	265	275		11.0	4.1	8.1
467	343	Reed Intl	438	444	-7	18.2	4.3	13.3
74	44	Southnews	65	70		3.2	4.7	8.1
16	14	Spooner Int	13	15		1.3b	8.7	8.5
826	715	Thomson Corp	800	830				
261	179	Trinity Intl	258	259●		19.7	4.1	12.1
380	278	Utd Newspapers	383	397	-8	28.0	7.7	11.5

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
40	29	Aran Energy	34	36				
18	4	Atlantic Resources	3¾	4¾				
45	30	Ass Oil & Gas	43	47	-1			
16	10¾	Aztec Pet	11	12	+¾			
12	8¾	Blyvoor	9¾	11				8.0
683	555	Br Borneo	675	680●+3		28.4	4.2	8.4
280	216¾	British Gas	245	246	-¾	14.7	8.0	11.8
360	285¾	Br Petroleum	352	353●-2¾		21.4	6.1	11.2
614	474	Burmah Castrol	578	583●+1		30.7	5.3	11.0
278	174	Cairn Energy	170	177	-1			
253	184	Calor Gp	240	250	-4	16.0	6.5	13.4
14	12	Capco Oil	12	13				
144	83	Century	142	145		8.0	5.6	
169	128	Clyde Pet	133	136●-1¾		7.7	5.8	12.7
615	488	Enterprise	588	590●-3		28.6	3.6	18.2
63	48	Exp Comp Louisiana	49	53	+1			
98	72	Gaek Pet	93	94●+¾		1.5	1.6	22.1

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
62	37	Headlam	54	60	-3	3.2	5.6	19.7
288	163	Lambert Howarth	255	265●		15.0	5.8	8.4
71	40	Pittard Garnar	60	65	+4	0.3	0.5	
32	13¾	Strong & Fisher	27	29				
285	273	Stylo	275	285		12.0	4.3	66.8

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
9	7	Aitch	7	8				
404	313	Allied Text	396	403		16.0	4.0	12.2
75	60	Beckman (A)	70	74●		6.4	8.9	9.1
65	51	Bolton Gp	62	65				
138	85	Br Mohair	128	133●		11.3	8.6	10.3
102	71	CRT Gp	97	100		2.0b	2.0	
373	235	Courtauld Textiles	358	362●-6		16.4	4.5	11.6
188	135	Dawson	167	171		12.0	7.1	9.5
32	17¾	Drummond	23	29¾		1.5	5.5	14.7
58	36	Foster (John)	44	48				5.5
170	143	Gaskell	165	173	+3	11.3	6.6	8.6
78	64	Hicking Pentecost	77	79		2.8	3.6	
71	55	Jerome (S)	67	71		11.2	16.2	5.1
323	220	Lamont	317	320	-1	16.0	5.0	11.3
282	182	Leeds	273	283	+3	12.3	4.4	11.4
69	52	Lister	60	64				
58	37	Lyles (S)	57	59		5.4	9.3	7.5
87	61	Parkland 'A'	84	88		6.1	7.0	3.6
58	33	Readicut	51¾	52¾		4.8	6.6	8.0
33	15	SEET	23	27				
58	36	Sirdar	48	51●		6.5	13.6	8.5
49	34½	Stoddard	41	46		3.3	7.3	8.3
295	190	Tomkinsons	280	285	-5	15.3	5.4	18.5
77	60	Tootal	73	74¾	-1	6.6	8.9	17.7
7¾	6¾	Vant Text	6	7		0.7	10.8	6.7
155	140	Yorklyde	148	156		12.9	8.4	4.5

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
739	559	BAT	700	707●-10		41.5	5.9	28.5
877	635	Rothmans 'B'	835	845	-18	20.5	2.4	12.4

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
277	187	Assoc Br Ports	253	258●-2		9.7	3.8	11.8
455	338	BAA	425	430	-4	16.3	3.8	11.8
176	122	Br Airways	158	160	+1	11.8	7.4	5.3
376	343	Caledonia	365	373		16.7	4.5	14.2
219	128	Clarkson (H)	205	209	-1	10.7	5.2	10.1
200	95	Davies & Newman	130	170	+5			
504	355	Eurotunnel Units	465	480	-8			
28	17¾	Eurotunnel Warrants	22	23	-1			
121	75	Fisher (James)	85	90●-12		7.3	8.3	9.7
105	75	Gotaas	80	103		3.3	3.4	5.0
157	105	Hays	134	137●		4.9	3.6	14.2
62	38	Jacobs (JI)	44	47●		3.9	8.5	12.7
167	113	Lep	147	150		8.3	5.6	10.1
22	15	Manchester Ship	15	20		0.0	0.3	
191	167	Mersey Docks	188	192●		8.7	3.5	10.6
174	116	NFC	168	180	-¾	6.7	4.2	14.5
370	287	Ocean Group	328	335 r	-5	16.9	5.7	12.2
48	30	Ocean Wilsons	43	47		3.7	8.2	2.4
630	482	P & O Dfd	580	592●-9		40.7	8.9	13.8
541	87	P & O 5.5%	82	88		7.3	7.8	
337	259	Powell Duffryn	330	337		30.1	8.8	10.0
88	70	TIP Europe	70	73●		2.3	8.2	5.3
144	28	TNT	87	89	-1			
405	283	Tibbet & Britten	400	410●+1		12.3	3.0	16.0
480	305	Tiphook	452	455		13.3	2.9	9.8
261	206	Transport Dev	252	257●+1		12.7	5.0	14.4
125	85	Turnbull Scott	105	125				3.2

WATER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	261	Anglian Water	300	304	-2	20.4	6.5	8.7
338	283	Northumbrian	331	332	-1	21.4	6.3	4.9
315	257	North West	305	303	-5	21.0	6.8	6.1
305¾	251	Severn Trent	297	300	-1	19.6	6.4	6.4
300	229	Sthn Water	285	230	-1	20.0	5.6	7.7
327	256	South West	305	308	+1	23.2	8.2	6.9
323	253	Thames Water	313	318	-4	21.4	6.5	6.5
356	272	Welsh Water	336	341	+4	22.4	6.5	6.6
366	255	Wessex Water	351	354	-1	20.3	4.5	6.7
328	264	Yorkshire Water	322	326	-1	20.5	5.2	8.5
£3123	£1000	Package Unit	£3123		-215			

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
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The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday (2) Tuesday (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 92.9 (day's range 92.9-93.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7850-1.7950	1.7885-1.7895	0.91-0.90pr	2.49-2.47pr
Montrl	2.0483-2.0625	2.0523-2.0561	0.40-0.36pr	0.84-0.77pr
Amstrdm	3.3567-3.3778	3.3570-3.3607	⅜-⅛pr	2⅜-1⅞pr
Brussels	61.12-61.65	61.15-61.36	17-12pr	43-36pr
Copnhgn	11.4008-11.4803	11.4035-11.4277	2⅛-1⅝pr	5⅝-5pr
Dublin	1.1111-1.1180	1.1136-1.1146	25-20pr	55-45pr
Frankft	2.9777-2.9999	2.9787-2.9822	⅞-¾pr	2-1⅞pr
Lisbon	258.35-259.96	258.35-259.39	15pr-3ds	64-120ds
Madrid	183.50-184.63	183.88-184.32	27-36ds	67-78ds
Milan	2207.15-2221.74	2211.48-2216.30	1pr-par	2pr-par
Oslo	11.5775-11.6605	11.5895-11.6139	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅝-3⅝pr
Paris	10.0620-10.1156	10.0675-10.0820	2⅛-2⅛pr	6⅝-6⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.7368-10.8069	10.7489-10.7728	par-⅛ds	1⅛-1⅞ds
Tokyo	240.49-242.24	241.27-241.58	⅛-⅝pr	2⅝-2⅛pr
Vienna	20.9461-21.0953	20.9498-20.9792	5⅛-4⅝pr	14⅞-12⅛pr
Zurich	2.5370-2.5414	2.5370-2.5402	⅞-⅝pr	2⅝-2pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17393.6-17436.2
Australia dollar	2.2896-2.2931
Bahrain dinar	0.6715-0.6795
Brazil cruzeiro *	464.129-464.668
Cyprus pound	0.818-0.828
Finland marka	6.97-7.03
Greece drachma	322.65-325.85
Hong Kong dollar	13.9090-13.9120
India rupee	35.13-35.53
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.8690-4.8772
Mexico peso	5300-5400
New Zealand dollar	3.0160-3.0229
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.675-6.755
Singapore dollar	3.1192-3.1264
S Africa rand (fin)	5.8031-6.0058
S Africa rand (com)	4.8392-4.8474
U A E dirham	6.54-6.62

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6095-1.6110
Singapore	1.7470-1.7500
Malaysia	2.7270-2.7300
Australia	1.2827-1.2839
Canada	1.1483-1.1488
Sweden	6.0180-6.0230
Norway	6.4900-6.4950
Denmark	6.3850-6.3900
W Germany	1.6595-1.6605
Switzerland	1.4210-1.4217
Netherlands	1.8790-1.8800
France	5.6400-5.6450
Japan	135.05-135.15
Italy	1237.1-1238.1
Belgium (Com)	34.25-34.30
Hong Kong	7.7880-7.7895
Portugal	144.60-145.00
Spain	102.83-102.93
Austria	11.71-11.73

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 28, 1991. Agreed rates Apr 23, 1991 to May 25, 1991 Scheme I: 13.52%. Schemes II & III: 13.71%. Reference rate Mar 1, 1991 to Mar 28, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 12.472%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 13
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11½ Low 11 Week fixed: 11½
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 11¹⁷⁄₃₂; 3 mth 11¹¹⁄₃₂. Sell: 2 mth 11¹⁶⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 11⁷⁄₃₂.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11¹⁹⁄₃₂-11⁹⁄₁₆	11¹⁷⁄₃₂-11½	11¹³⁄₃₂-11⅜	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10⅞	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12⁷⁄₃₂	12⁵⁄₃₂	12¹⁄₃₂	11⁹⁄₁₆	
Interbank:	11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅝	11²¹⁄₃₂-¹⁹⁄₃₂	11²⁰⁄₃₂-11⅜	11²¹⁄₃₂-11⅜	11⅛-11⁵⁄₁₆
(Overnight: open 11⅞, close 13⅛).					
Local Authority Deps:	11⅝	n/a	11⅝	11¹¹⁄₁₆	11⅝
Sterling CDs:	11⅞-11³⁄₁₆	11⅝-11⅜	11¹⁷⁄₃₂-11⅜	11¹⁵⁄₃₂-11⅜	11¹¹⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₃₂
Dollar CDs:	6.03-5.98	6.10-6.05	6.10-6.05	6.23-6.18	6.65-6.60
Building Society CDs:	11²⁹⁄₃₂-¹⁷⁄₃₂	11²⁹⁄₃₂-²⁷⁄₃₂	11⅜-11¹³⁄₁₆	11⅝-11¹⁷⁄₃₂	11⅝-11⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5⅞	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6³⁄₁₆-6⅛	6⅛-5⅛
Deutschemark:	8⅝-8⅝	8¹⁹⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	8⅛-7⅝
French Franc:	9⅛-8⅞	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9⅛-8⅞	9⁴⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅛-8⅝	8⅛-8⅝	8⅛-8⅝	8⅝-8⅝	8-7
Yen:	8⅛-8	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $359.90-360.40 Close: $360.85-361.35 High: $361.00-361.50
Low: $359.50-360.00 Krugerrand: $360.50-361.50 (£201.25-202.25)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-87.00 (£47.75-48.75) New $84.50-85.50 (£46.75-47.75)
Platinum: $399.25 (£222.65) Silver: $4.04 (£2.256) Palladium: $95.55 (£53.30)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 28979)	Jun 91	2586.0	2592.0	2542.0	2542.0	5478
	Sep 91				2582.5	0
	Dec 91				2628.0	0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 122800)	Jun 91	88.64	88.69	88.63	88.68	18387
	Sep 91	89.29	89.35	89.27	89.31	7114
	Dec 91	89.50	89.56	89.48	89.54	1349
Three Month Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 34718)	Jun 91	93.68	93.71	93.65	93.67	3692
	Sep 91	93.45	93.46	93.42	93.43	746
Three Month Euro DM (Previous open interest: 95131)	Jun 91	90.88	90.89	90.84	90.85	11707
	Sep 91	90.85	90.89	90.83	90.84	4868
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 7167)	Jun 91	96-26	96-28	96-16	96-18	817
	Sep 91				95-27	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 30497)	Jun 91	92-01	92-12	91-29	92-00	15353
	Sep 91				92-08	0
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	96.10	96.10	95.95	96.00	366
	Sep 91				96.29	0
German Govt Bond (Previous open interest: 79762)	Jun 91	85.71	85.82	85.42	85.46	40253
	Sep 91	86.00	86.00	85.68	85.71	1376
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 2400)	Jun 91	90.65	90.67	90.64	90.65	203
	Sep 91	90.78	90.83	90.78	90.83	71

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	650-649	May	580-578	May	190.6-18.8
Jul	677-676	Jul	597-596	Aug	191.6-90.0
Sep	701-700	Sep	616-615	Oct	190.2-90.0
Dec	732-731	Nov	632-631	Dec	188.4-86.4
Mar	761-759	Jan	648-646	Mar	187.6-87.4
May	780-779	Mar	664-655	May	190.6-88.4
Vol: 3872		Vol: 2038		Vol: 860	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	138.60	May	116.75	Jun	119.5-18.0
Jun	140.25	Sep	107.90	Aug	121.0-19.5
Sep	111.75	Nov	111.75	Oct	125.0-24.0
Nov	114.95	Jan	115.05	Dec	130.0-26.5
Jan	118.45	Mar	117.85	Feb	133.0-30.0
Vol:	44	Vol:	35	Vol:	35

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

	Open	Close
May (£/tonne)	130.8	130.5
Sep	80.0	82.5
Oct	80.0	81.0

Volume: 57

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	82.98	206.94	109.15
(+/-)	-2.48	+5.76	+0.19
Eng/Wales:	83.01	207.76	108.00
(+/-)	-1.55	+5.67	+0.52
(%)	-5.5	-19.0	-20.7
Scotland:	79.87	196.60	114.29
(+/-)	-8.13	-0.49	+0.63
(%)	-85.1	-57.2	-43.6

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close
Apr	unq	112.0
May	unq	114.3
Jun	unq	116.3

Volume: 37

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

Crude levels edged lower in anticipation of Ossian stats.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.90	-0.30
Brent 15 day (May)	20.05	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.55	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (May)	21.70	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.30	-0.05

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	241 (n/c)	245 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	180 (n/c)	182 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H May	180 (-1)	181 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	176 (+1)	177 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (n/c)	71 (n/c)
Naphtha	197 (n/c)	202 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

May	176.50-76.25	Sep	179.00 SLR
Jun	172.50-72.00	Oct	177.25 SLR
Jul	171.75-71.50	Nov	178.25 BID
Aug	unq		Vol: 4957

BRENT

May	19.95-20.05	Jul	19.20-19.30
Jun	19.50-19.60		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 91	1584	1550	1584
May 91	1495	1485	1486
Jul 91	1207	1195	1207
Oct 91	1310	1300	1309

Vol: 266 lots Open Interest: 2785
Dry cargo index 1582 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1350.0-1351.0	1351.0-1352.0	924175
Lead (£/tonne)	325.00-325.50	338.00-338.50	106900
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1430.0-1435.0	1205.0-1207.0	251300
Tin ($/tonne)	5470.0-5472.0	5568.0-5572.0	6735
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1379.0-1380.0	1411.0-1412.0	826350

FOX MGMI INDEX (5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
May	151.50	152.50
Jun	151.20	152.20
Jul	unq	unq

Groomed for office stardom

Simple techniques can help secretaries to improve their work and be more confident with their colleagues. Sally Watts reports

A secretary, you may think, has the most frustrating job in the company. She has great influence and responsibility, but little authority. She is at the centre of office life, a permanent answering service, the organisation's linchpin — and everybody's buffer.

These and other aspects of her role will be addressed during the three-day London Secretary Show, which opens today at Olympia 2, west London. The event, the fifth in London, is designed to help the secretary in three ways.

First, it will help her to provide her department with an even more efficient service. Hotels and conference centres, office furniture and equipment companies, business travel and airlines, couriers, florists, stationery, training and recruitment agencies are among more than 100 exhibitors. With the increasing responsibility of the secretary's role, companies know she plays an important part in decisions about office budgets and goods and services.

Second, daily seminars — each a mini-training session costing £6.50 for 45 minutes — will cover essentials of the job, such as effective communication, time management and making good use of the stress caused by the job.

Third, several seminars relate to development: how to become confident with your appearance; ideas for moving into management for personal assistants (PAs) and senior secretaries; and working on the Continent.

Some seminar leaders have worked as secretaries. Anna Amblin, for example, who says she went from "dogsbody to PA", is with the Industrial Society's communications skills centre. "Secretaries are the front line and have a responsibility to communicate well. They must say what needs saying, to people both in and out of the office, who have dealings with the boss," Ms Amblin says. "This means they have an important role, yet — particularly at junior level — many are reluctant to identify themselves. When answering the phone they just say 'Mr X's secretary,' or 'Mr X's phone'."

Ms Amblin urges secretaries to realise the value of preparation before making a telephone call or writing a letter, of brevity when doing so and of getting the message right the first time.

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Mary Overton, who is also at the Industrial Society, was once a senior secretary but now works in development. She will conduct two seminars on secretarial management skills: motivation and delegation, decision making and problem solving.

The society's secretarial development department is concerned that senior secretaries are put in charge, either formally or informally, of more junior staff, and may have to monitor workloads and report to other managers. Yet they lack both the authority and the managerial skills to do so.

The seminars provide help on problems such as motivation: how do you get people to perform tasks not only well, but willingly? Think what motivates you. Challenge? Involvement? Responsibility? Achievement? The chances are, these same factors will also motivate others. In the case of a junior, give her a whole job or project, not just the dull bits. But it is not all work and tactics. There is also appearance, and *it* is important.

Barney Tremblay, who runs Personal Style, is conducting two seminars on confidence through appearance, showing that the way a secretary presents herself needs to be linked, through self-awareness, to her identity.

"It takes just 30 seconds to get a first impression. Nine times out of ten this remains — and the negative ones seldom change," she says. "Appearance is more than what the eye beholds. Striking a balance between image and identity is important for secretaries: without their own strong, separate identity, they can be swallowed up in the identity of the company."

THE LONDON *Secretary* SHOW

To complement the seminars, Vidal Sassoon salons will hold daily hair sessions, free of charge, with the chance of winning a free haircut. By no means all visitors to the show will be women. A growing number of secretaries are men. And secretaries are not the only people who attend. Last year many male managers, administrators and technical support staff were there. Managers, like secretaries, are subject to stress, so it might help your manager to learn what stresses you. One example, according to Sue Coryndon, an associate of the Industrial Society, is when three managers all want work completed at the same time. Her solution is to be neither a doormat nor a dragon: be assertive and ask them to organise clear deadlines.

Ms Coryndon, a former secretary, says: "Much is expected of secretaries, yet they have no real clout; they are the sponge and buffer." For example, they must cope with the frustrations of a caller asking why the boss has not answered a call. Ms Coryndon will hold seminars at the show on dealing with stress.

A survey has shown that boredom, too little responsibility and lack of opportunity to progress are the main reasons secretaries leave their jobs. At a more senior level, some may be aiming for managerial roles. They will find encouragement and ideas in two seminars on women in management.

Secretaries should ask themselves: Where am I now? Where do I want to be? How will I get there? Where will I be in ten years? How am I seen by others? How do I see myself? Questions such as these are posed by Denise Taylorson, of Management and Skills Training.

Ms Taylorson will discuss the value of setting goals, first steps to promotion, taking advantage of a network of friends and contacts and the help secretaries can give themselves through "positive self-talk" — for example, saying "I could do that".

There are other seminars, too, in a programme arranged in conjunction with the Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries and the Industrial Society. Like the exhibitors' stands, these seminars can help secretaries at different levels to fulfil their traditional role as people who find a solution to every office problem.

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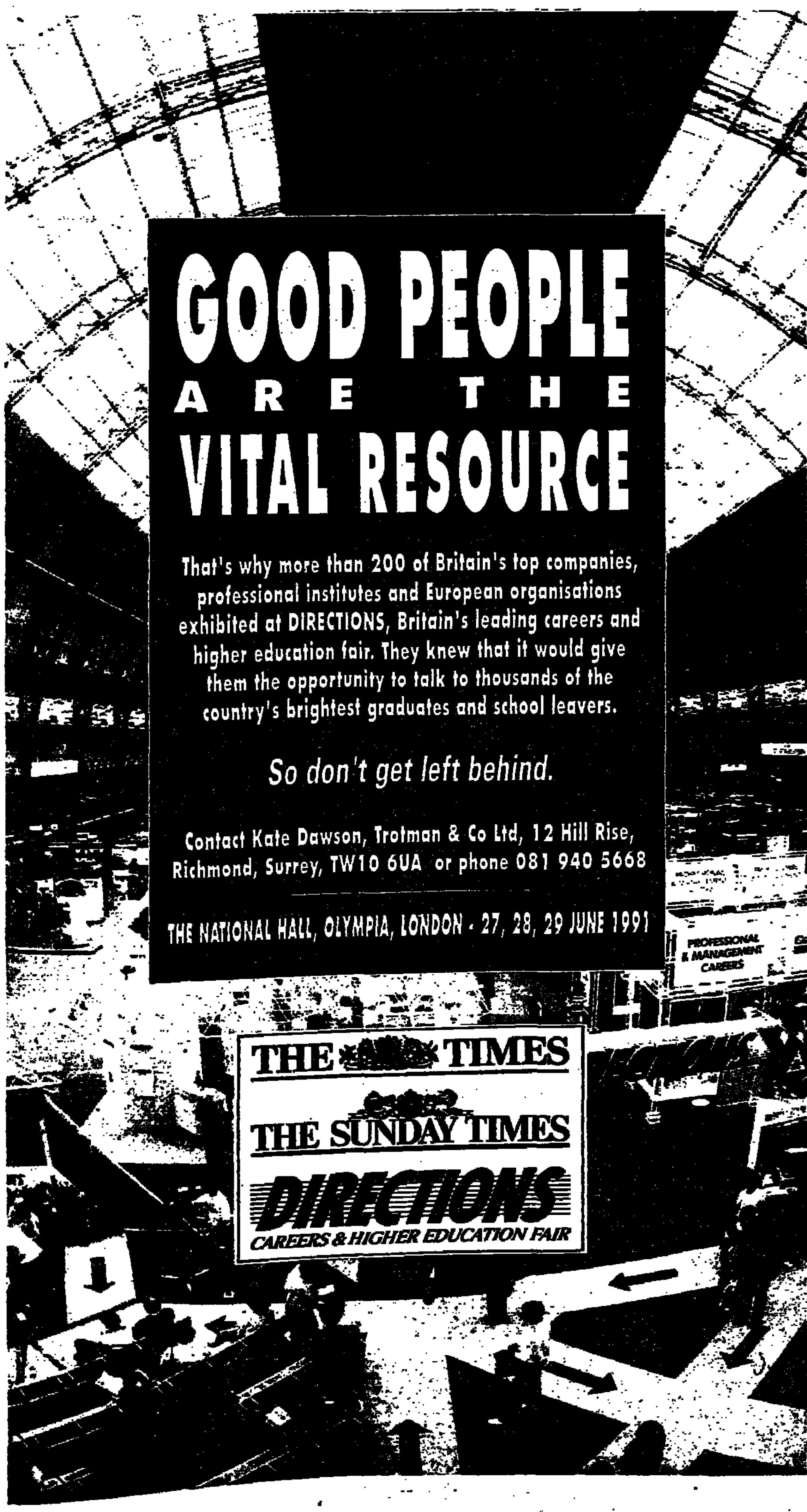

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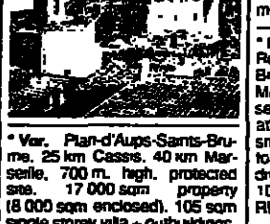

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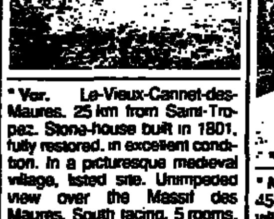

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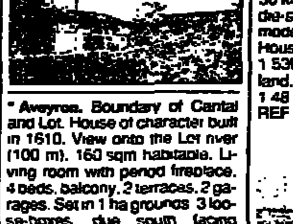

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* **Bretagne, Côte d'Armor.** Les Roncelais, Merdrignac 9 km. St-Brieuc 40 km, Rennes, Saint-Malo, Dinard 70 km 3-room house, 66 sqm habitable. Fireplace, attic. Central heating. Car park, small garden. Near ponds and forest. 160 000 FF. Outbuildings: 1 level, 2 buildings. 100 sqm yard. 150 000 FF. REF 558

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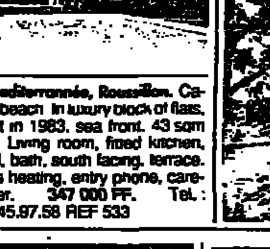

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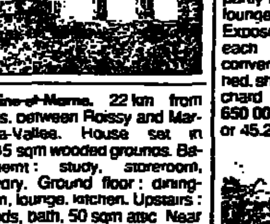
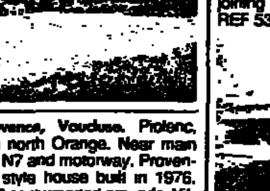


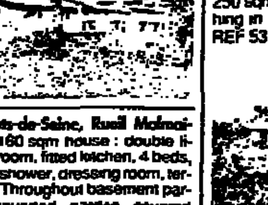
* **Seine-et-Marne.** 22 km from Paris, between Roissy and Marne-la-Vallee. House set in 2 645 sqm wooded grounds. Basement: study, storeroom, laundry. Ground floor: dining-room, lounge, kitchen. Upstairs: 3 beds, bath, 50 sqm attic. Near all facilities. Main road RN 34, motorway A3, railway station. 2 100 000 FF. REF 524

* **Bouches du Rhône.** Aix-en-Provence 3 km. Estate with swimming pool in 6 000 sqm grounds. 250 sqm villa. Sitting/dining room, 4 beds, modern conveniences, exposed beams. Separated bedsitter. Suit 250 sqm extension. 3 900 000 FF. REF 525 PH



* **Provence, Vaucluse.** Piolenc, 7 km north Orange. Near main road N7 and motorway. Provencale style house built in 1976. 4 000 sqm wooded grounds. Village with all facilities 2 km. 86 sqm habitable: Lounge with stone fireplace, 3 beds, bath, kitchen, garage. 39 sqm terrace, barbecue. Calm but not isolated. 700 000 FF. REF 521 PH

* **Pyrénées Ariegoises.** Old farmhouse renovated set in 29 ha. 11 rooms, 2 kitchen, 2 baths, central heating. 340 sqm + 510 sqm outbuildings. Springs, lovely setting, calm. 1 300 000 FF. Tel.: 61 01 20.75 after 8 pm. REF 523 PH



* **Hauts-de-Seine, Rueil Malmaison.** 160 sqm house: double living-room, fitted kitchen, 4 beds, bath, shower, dressing room, terrace. Throughout basement partly converted, garden, covered yard suit 4-car park. 2 800 000 FF. Tel.: 1.47.51.26.84. REF 526

* **Aquitaine, Gironde.** Near Bordeaux vineyards, motorway, TGV. Architect house built in 1987. 273 sqm habitable, quality fittings. Set in 10 000 sqm wooded grounds, rare species. 1 700 000 FF. REF 534

* **Roussillon, Aude.** Corbières-Pazios. Near sea and mountains. Tourist attractions. Stone-built countryhouse, renovated. Sitting room, kitchen, bath, 3 beds, another one possible. Terrace, solarium. 435 000 FF. Tel.: 67.87.30.59 REF 528

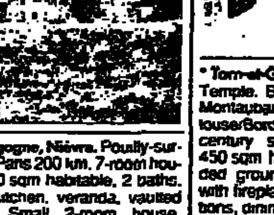
* **Charente.** Ancient charentais-style farmhouse. South facing, partly renovated. Fitted kitchen, lounge, dining room, bed. Bath. Exposed beams, fireplaces in each room. Large attic to convert. Adjoining barns, cowshed, shelter, well, wine cellar. Orchard. Set in 3 300 sqm grounds. 650 000 FF. Tel.: 45.22.20.52 or 45.22.29.36 REF 529 PH

* **Aquitaine, Gironde.** Maransin, Bordeaux 45 km. Restored farmhouse, 250 sqm habitable: Living-room, summer lounge/barbecue, covered terrace, kitchen, 3 beds, garage, beams, 3 fireplaces. Wine and spirit store, press house. Electric heating. Due south facing, wells, set in 8 200 sqm wooded grounds. Possibility to buy 4 800 sqm adjoining grounds. 600 000 FF. REF 530 PH

* **Drôme.** Rousset-les-Vignes, Montélimar 35 km. Paris 3h40 by TGV. Between Nyons and Valreas. Old house fully renovated. Nice view onto village and vineyards. 144 sqm, 3 levels, 5 rooms, modern conveniences, fireplace, 2-car garage. 946 sqm garden, olive, almond trees. 1 500 000 FF. Tel.: 75.27.93.33. REF 535 PH

* **Côte d'Azur, Nice,** Acropolis quarter, 2-room flat, 40 sqm, comfortable, view onto the hills, peaceful, cupboards, shower, 4th floor without lift. Marble stairs, stone-built building. Low fees. Near port, beaches, park, museum, theater, bus. 398 000 FF. REF 536

* **Loire Atlantique.** Near Nantes, in Loire island. Farm buildings to renovate. Set in 27 ha grounds with 250 sqm meadows. 250 sqm habitable Hunting, fishing in the vicinity. 520 000 FF. REF 537 PH

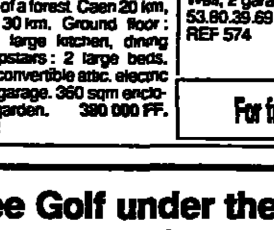


* **Bourgogne, Nièvre.** Pouilly-sur-Loire Paris 200 km. 7-room house, 120 sqm habitable, 2 baths, fitted kitchen, veranda, vaulted cellar. Small 2-room house, 40 sqm. Garage, 8 000 sqm landscaped garden. 1 200 000 FF. Tel.: 86.66.32.28 (meal hours) 86.39.10.28 (evenings). REF 538 PH

* **Haute-Savoie.** 500 m from Lake Annecy. Annecy 15 km, Albertville 25 km. Villa built in 1981 set in 4330 wooded grounds. Ground floor: large lounge, 2 beds, 2 fireplaces, garage. 1st floor: mezzanine, 4 beds. Basement, playroom, panelling, luxury fitted kitchen. Large terrace, south facing. Quality fittings. 3 200 000 FF. REF 539

* **Bretagne.** Saint-Malo 30 km. Property on a river bank. Contemporary house. 5/6 rooms. Raised ground floor, covered terrace + 3-room house with 2-car garage. The whole set in 6 500 sqm wooded and enclosed grounds. Peaceful, independent, 500 m from all facilities. 1 050 000 FF. REF 550

* **Anjou.** Small castle divided into 2 flats of 7/8 rooms each. Large walled grounds. Comfortable. Domestic heating. 2 350 000 FF. Tel.: 1 45.35.35.62 REF 540 PH



* **Vendée.** La Roche-sur-Yon 20 km, Nantes and seaside 50 km. 87 sqm house located in a small town with all facilities. Lounge, kitchen, 2 beds, bath, garage, yard, garden. 260 000 FF. + 107 sqm house: large living-room, kitchen, study, 3 beds, bath, attic, 2-car garage, garden, terrace. 360 000 FF. REF 547

* **Basse Normandie, Calvados.** Grimbosq, house in a village at the edge of a forest. Caen 20 km, seaside 30 km. Ground floor: veranda, large kitchen, dining room. Upstairs: 2 large beds, shower, convertible attic, electric heating, garage. 360 sqm enclosed garden. 390 000 FF. REF 552

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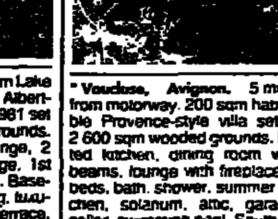
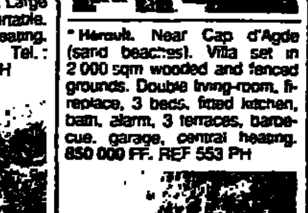
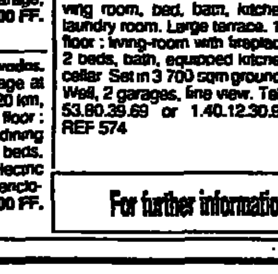


* **Vaucluse, Avignon.** 5 mins. from motorway. 200 sqm habitable Provence-style villa set in 2 600 sqm wooded grounds. Fitted kitchen, dining room with beams, lounge with fireplace, 4 beds, bath, shower, summer kitchen, solanum, attic, garage, cellar, swimming pool. South facing terrace, double glazing. Wide view over the countryside. 1 800 000 FF. REF 549 PH



* **Hérault.** Near Cap d'Agde (sand beaches). Villa set in 2 000 sqm wooded and fenced grounds. Double living-room, fireplace, 3 beds, fitted kitchen, bath, alarm, 3 terraces, barbecue, garage, central heating. 850 000 FF. REF 553 PH



* **Dordogne.** Comfortable house near Montpon. Ground floor: living room, bed, bath, kitchen, laundry room. Large terrace. 1st floor: living-room with fireplace, 2 beds, bath, equipped kitchen, cellar. Set in 3 700 sqm grounds. Well, 2 garages, fine view. Tel.: 53.80.39.69 or 1.40.12.30.93. REF 574

* **Brittany, Côtes d'Armor.** Erquy, Saint-Brieuc's bay, fishing port. Near city centre and beach. Set in 430 sqm enclosed garden. Granite stone house with slates, fully updated. 3 levels. Ground floor: studio, shower, garage. 1st floor: lounge, kitchen, bed, large terrace, shower, wide view. 2nd floor: 2 beds, shower. 680 000 FF. REF 583 PH

* **Essonne.** Vert-le-Petit. 35 km south Paris. Renovated millstone-house, 150 sqm on 3 levels. Ground floor: living-room, fireplace, dining room, fitted kitchen. 1st floor: 2 beds, bath, converted attic, 25 sqm terrace, laundry, garage. 960 sqm wooded grounds. City centre, near all facilities. 1 090 000 FF. REF 556 PH

* **Pyrénées Orientales, Saint-Cyprien beach.** Facing the port, 2-room flat (27.63 sqm), furnished. 1st floor. Entrance, living-room, bed, small fitted kitchen, shower, cupboards, loggia, car-park, swimming pool, near shopping centre. 260 000 FF. REF 560

* **Bretagne, Ille-et-Vilaine.** Pleugueneuc. Granite house, south/west facing. 100 m2 on each level. Entrance, living room, fireplace, dining room, fitted kitchen. 1st floor: 4 beds, bath, convertible attic, outbuildings, 2-car garage. Kitchen garden. Near main road. Set in 3 200 sqm grounds. 1 000 000 FF. REF 561

* **Bretagne, Morbihan.** Near Guemene-sur-Scorff, small town with all facilities. 1 storey farmhouse, needs renovation. Very fine free stones, 2 fireplaces, small grounds. 250 000 FF. Tel.: 44.21.33.33 REF 562

* **Haute Normandie, Etretat.** Small detached house, peaceful, city centre. 800 m from the sea. 2 levels. 3 rooms kitchen. Large room, garage. Set in 670 sqm garden. 280 000 FF. REF 565

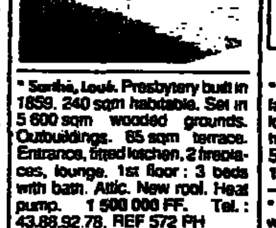
* **Haute-Vienne.** Le Dorat 15 km. Village house. Ground floor: 4 rooms, shower. 1st floor: 4 beds + small house: 2 beds. Yard. 700 m2. Near shops. 200 000 FF. Tel.: 73.69.60.76 (after 7 pm) REF 577 PH

* **Côte d'Azur, Mandelieu-la-Napoule.** Boundary of Cannes, 800 m from the sea, golf course and city centre. New luxury block of flats. 5-room flat, 100 sqm habitable, triplex, 52 sqm, solarium under the roof, garden, terraces, garage. Reduced fees. 1 580 000 FF. Tel.: 93.48.42.29 evening. REF 566

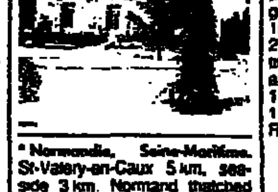
* **Ariège.** Saint-Girons 16 km, ski-resort 10 km. House, all comfort. Ground floor: entrance, living room, fireplace, 2 large kitchens, outbuildings. 1 st floor: 3 beds, shower, convertible attic, 2 garages. 2nd floor: 2 beds, shower, balcony, garden. 500 000 FF. Tel.: 1.61.66.87.25 REF 568

* **Ardèche.** Farmhouse, 120 sqm habitable. Good condition. Surface area on the ground: 1 060 sqm, 16 unbroken hectares. 1 600 000 FF. REF 559 PH

* **Drôme, Soyans,** Montélimar 30 km. 400 sqm house set in 3 000 sqm grounds. Living room, 4 beds, each one with a bath, 3 fireplaces, beams, vaults. Separated bedsitter. Fitted kitchen and pantry. Terraces, 60 sqm solar swimming pool. 3 000 000 FF. Tel.: 75.76.01 23 or 1.42.80.26.93. REF 570 PH



* **Sarthe, Loué.** Presbytery built in 1859. 240 sqm habitable. Set in 5 600 sqm wooded grounds. Outbuildings. 65 sqm terrace. Entrance, fitted kitchen, 2 fireplaces, lounge. 1st floor: 3 beds with bath. Attic. New roof. Heat pump. 1 500 000 FF. Tel.: 43.88.92.78. REF 572 PH



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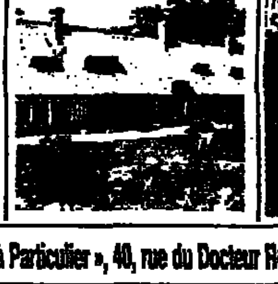

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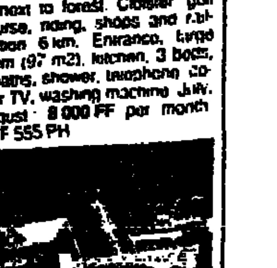

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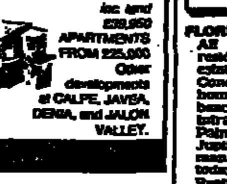

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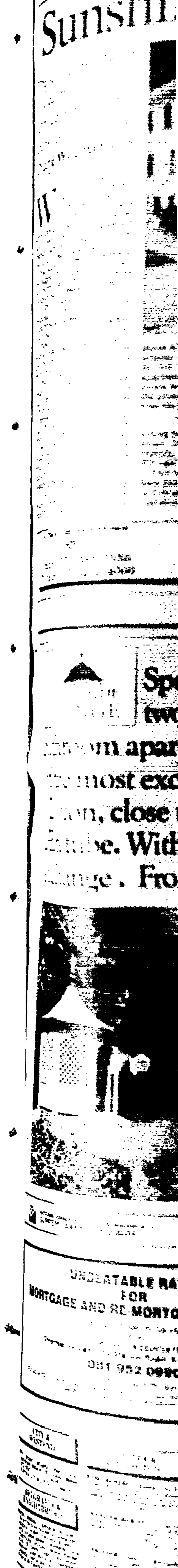

Sunshine bargains, but beware

The slump may be an ideal time to buy abroad but there are traps for the unwary, Diana Wildman says

Bovis Abroad has introduced a Four Owner Option scheme on its La Manga development on the Costa del Sol in Spain, and at Sao Lourenco (above), an apartment scheme with the rural Quinta do Lago estate in Portugal, in an effort to stimulate sales in the present difficult market. Buyers can choose the time they require from four time bands and, unlike other schemes, these dates are fixed. The cheapest three-month period, from early January, costs £27,000 for a furnished one-bedroom apartment in Sao Lourenco. A mix of April, August and early winter weeks costs £38,000 and the two more costly three-month segments cost £49,000. These include summer and the Christmas and New Year periods.

With the European leisure property sector suffering severe recession, agents and developers, in an effort to kick-start some life into a stagnant market, are becoming more flexible in their sales approach.

Discounts are now the norm and mortgages offering a low fixed rate of interest are becoming more common as developers co-operate with their bankers to offer a financial purchasing package that could produce a sale.

Although it is a buyer's market, purchasers should be wary. First, with so many schemes completed and mostly unsold, it would be more prudent to buy into a finished development. In the heady days of the mid-Eighties, many developers could rely on sales to customers who bought just on seeing the plans, which provided the cash flow to carry their project from phase to phase. With so few sales at present, there is the possibility of the scheme never being completed and promised facilities, such as tennis courts and swimming-pools, not being built.

Second, there are so many resales available that it should be possible to negotiate a realistic asking price, particularly on properties built before prices rose rapidly, especially in Spain and Portugal.

This happened after both countries joined the Common Market in February 1985. Remember, too, that second homes are usually sold fully furnished, so all the facilities will already be installed. Never buy an overseas home without consulting a lawyer specialising in the purchasing procedures of the country concerned. The Law Society in London can provide a list.

Do not expect rental income to cover a mortgage; it rarely does. Although it is possible to take out a loan in the appropriate foreign currency, exchange rates fluctuate, so take independent financial advice before finalising borrowing requirements.

Michael Soul, a London solicitor who specialises in Spanish purchasing, says that the days of woolly Spanish legislation are over and the authorities are now efficient in tax collection. Although it has been illegal for years to declare less than the real purchase price on the *escriture* (title deed) and thus save on the stake duty, it was common practice.

There is a bill before the Spanish parliament which, when it becomes law, will close many of these tax-evasion loopholes, including that of buying and selling a Spanish property outside Spain. In future, heavy taxes will have to be paid on such transactions.

Care should be taken to insure a holiday home. Many companies have exclusion clauses on properties left empty for 21 days or longer. Laurence Dillamore, the managing director of Johnson Fry Insurance Services, which has an overseas property insurance scheme underwritten in the UK, says that "despite the promised amendments to trade barriers, and even with the advent of 1992, the subject is still complex and fraught with possible complications.

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SHOP WISELY FOR HOMES IN FRANCE

THE flood of British buyers in northern France following the boom in Britain and the Channel tunnel hype has subsided, but there is still considerable interest, particularly in Normandy.

Some agents, however, who opened to capitalise on the market boom have folded. Fortunately, more thought now goes into purchases and the established agents remain to advise on finding the right home and avoiding the pitfalls.

Rutherfords, in Chelsea, west London, reports that more than 40,000 Britons have bought in France since 1987, that three-quarters of those buying a country property need a builder, that 60 per cent do not read French well enough to understand the official papers, and that "in the French countryside, misunderstandings can soon turn into disputes, which end up as litigation".

Rutherfords' advice covers misunderstandings, disputes and litigation, taxes, joint ownership and inheritance.

At Barbers, of Fulham, west London, Kerry Doble says buying in France is no short-term investment: "You buy for the love of France. You must also remember that the fees, including taxes and the notary's fees, add 20 per cent."

Barbers has added south Brittany to its list. Mr Doble says: "You can buy a cottage there for £25,000. Provence is still popular, but it is difficult to buy anything for less than £30,000."

For lovers of water views, homes from Waterside Properties International, of Wimbledon, southwest London, range from lock-keepers' cottages to châteaux.

Finally, the French Chamber of Commerce offers advice booklets and Abbey National has published a brochure on mortgages for French purchases.

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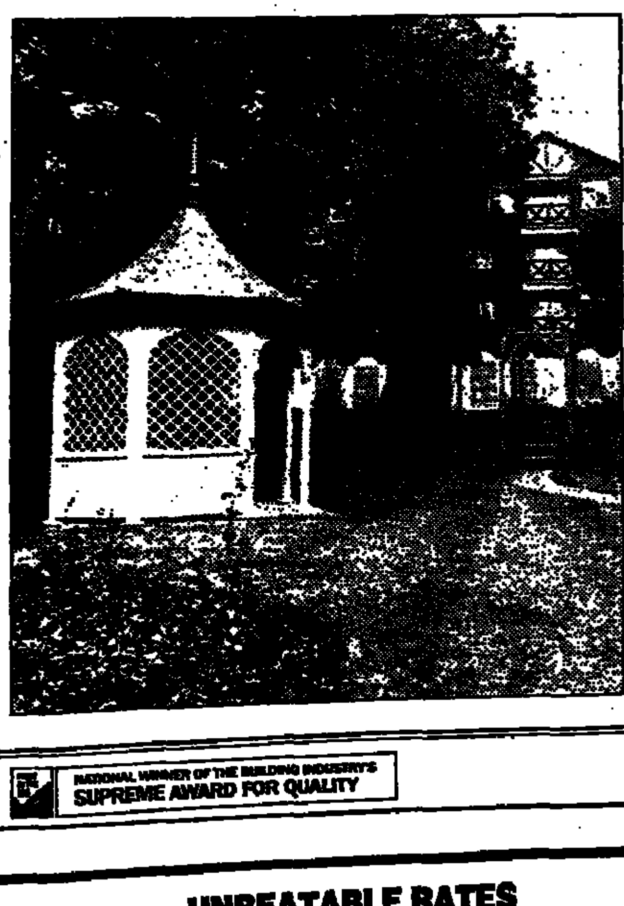

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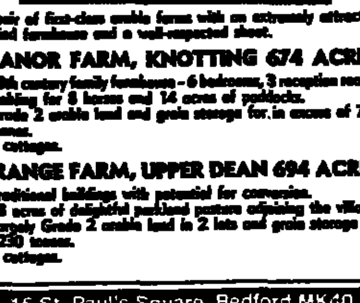

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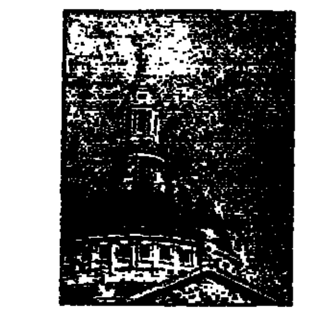

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Out of town: an artist's impression of the proposed shops development at Shoreham, West Sussex

In town: a model of the development at Finsbury Circus, east London, pre-let to the Bank of Tokyo

Cash registers ring again

Despite the recession, out-of-town shopping and leisure schemes plus growing foreign investment are helping to boost the retail property market, Christopher Warman says

Plans for a £50 million edge-of-town retail development in Shoreham, West Sussex, at the western end of the Brighton conurbation, have received outline planning approval from Adur District Council. The scheme, by Wyncote Developments, involves a 219,000 sq ft centre for Marks & Spencer and Tesco, and follows the successful format adopted by the two retailers at Camberley, Surrey, and Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

The announcement shows that there is life in new shopping centre developments, despite a report by *Hillier Parker* that shopping development activity is continuing to decline after a boom period. The report shows that shopping centre completions are scheduled to peak at 15.7 million sq ft this year, falling back to 10.3 million sq ft in 1992 and 5.2 million sq ft in 1993. The total for the period is well below the planned figure.

Harold Couch, the senior retail partner at *Hillier Parker*, believes that history may be repeating itself. "Those who remember the mid Seventies will recall that the peak in shopping centre openings came in a two- to three-year period after the start of the recession and, once again, a projected record floorspace total *for 1991* comes at a time of recession."

He recalls that the market coped successfully with the additional floorspace in the Seventies and, "despite current concerns, the probability is that the market will again absorb the additional floorspace as we gradually move out of recession".

The Wyncote scheme includes a 119,000 sq ft *Marks & Spencer* store, a 90,000 sq ft Tesco store, a filling station and a restaurant, and a community swimming pool funded by the developers. The scheme is expected to create 1,100 new jobs, and, *subject to detailed* approval, the stores should open for business by Christmas 1992.

The attractions of out-of-town shopping, even in a recession, are demonstrated by the Thurrock Lakeside centre in Essex, which opened shortly before Easter. The centre, with 1.35 million sq ft of retail and leisure space and room *for 9,000 cars, is more than 85 per* cent let and sales forecasts have been exceeded.

John Abel, a director of the development company, Capital & Counties, says Easter's excellent trading results and the fact that Lakeside has attracted shoppers from as far as Lowestoft, Suffolk, and Maidstone, Kent, confirm its position as the leading shopping destination in the southeast.

Capital & Counties has two new schemes, the 707,000 sq ft Harlequin centre at Watford, Hertfordshire, where phase one is already open *and the remainder opens* during the next year, and The Glades, Bromley, southeast London, where 421,000 sq ft of shops are due to open in October, with a leisure centre alongside.

In a separate report, *Hillier* Parker surveys the central London shopping scene, and finds that it is a "test bed" for international traders seeking representation in Britain. One in ten of the clothing, footwear, jewellery and record shops in the four main streets examined — Oxford Street, Regent Street, Bond Street and Brompton Road — is now owned by foreign companies, mainly European, Japanese or North American.

Jeremy Smither, the senior retail agency partner, says he expects this "internationalisation" of central London's shopping markets to accelerate, as obstructions to cross-border retail distribution in *Europe are eased after 1992.*

In the present depressed state of the market, he adds, landlords are offering more realistic terms, and as many of the largest multiple stores are out of the market at present, the smaller traders, for the first time in many years, have a wide range of opportunities for to acquire good trading locations at reasonable rents. The number of vacant shops in the survey area, excluding those under construction, has nearly doubled during the past decade.

However, as a proportion of the total stock, the vacancy rate at 4.2 per cent is very low, compared with 2.2 per cent a decade ago. During that period the number of vacant shops has increased from 16 to 31, and 11 of the vacancies are now recorded in Regent Street.

Meanwhile, the entire 125,000 sq ft MEPC office development at 12-15 Finsbury Circus, east London, has been pre-let to the Bank of Tokyo.

The developer was quoting rents of more than £60 per sq ft early last year. Michael Soames, of Knight Frank & Rutley, the letting *agent, says this is the first deal of* more than 120,000 sq ft to be signed this year "on terms that must be an encouragement to the market".

The Finsbury Circus building, designed by the *GMW Partnership* in neoclassical style, is due for completion in August. The bank will move in next spring.

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☐ A 462-bed international hotel is planned above the Elephant and Castle shopping centre in Southwark, southeast London. The centre's owner, UK Land, intends to transform the front of the centre with two new tiers of shops. The proposed hotel, close to the Waterloo terminal for the Channel tunnel rail link and with good local transport connections, is planned by the French company Accor.

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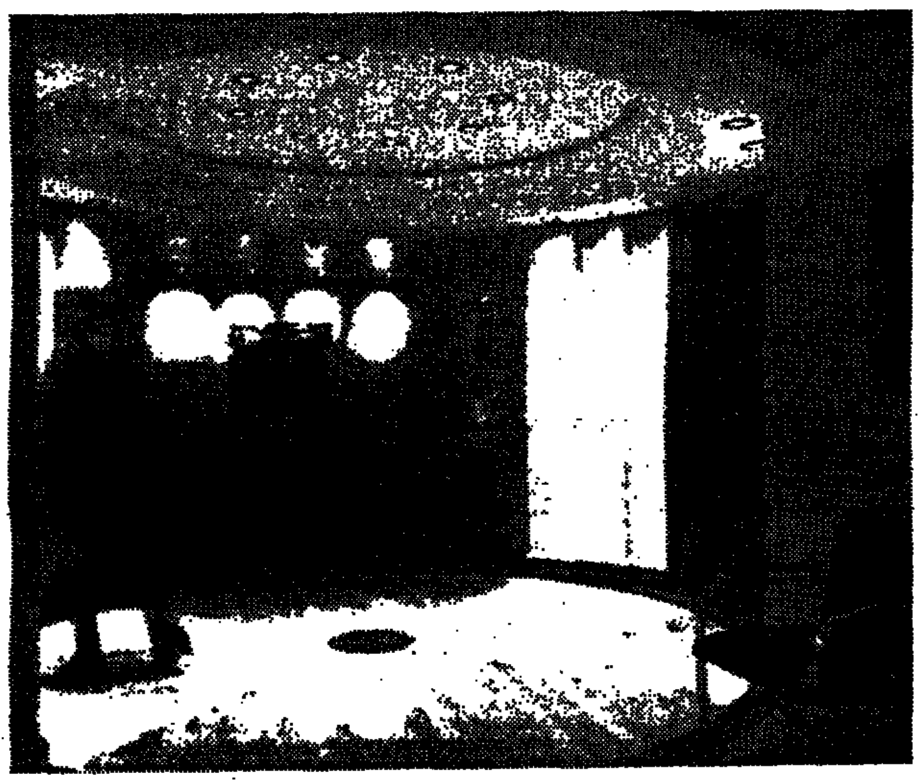

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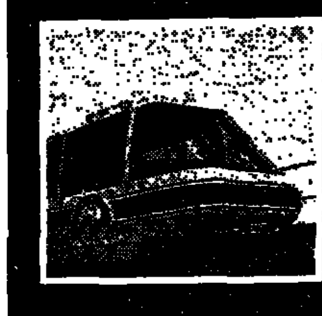
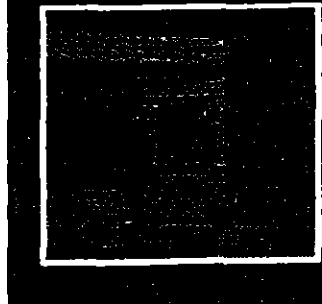

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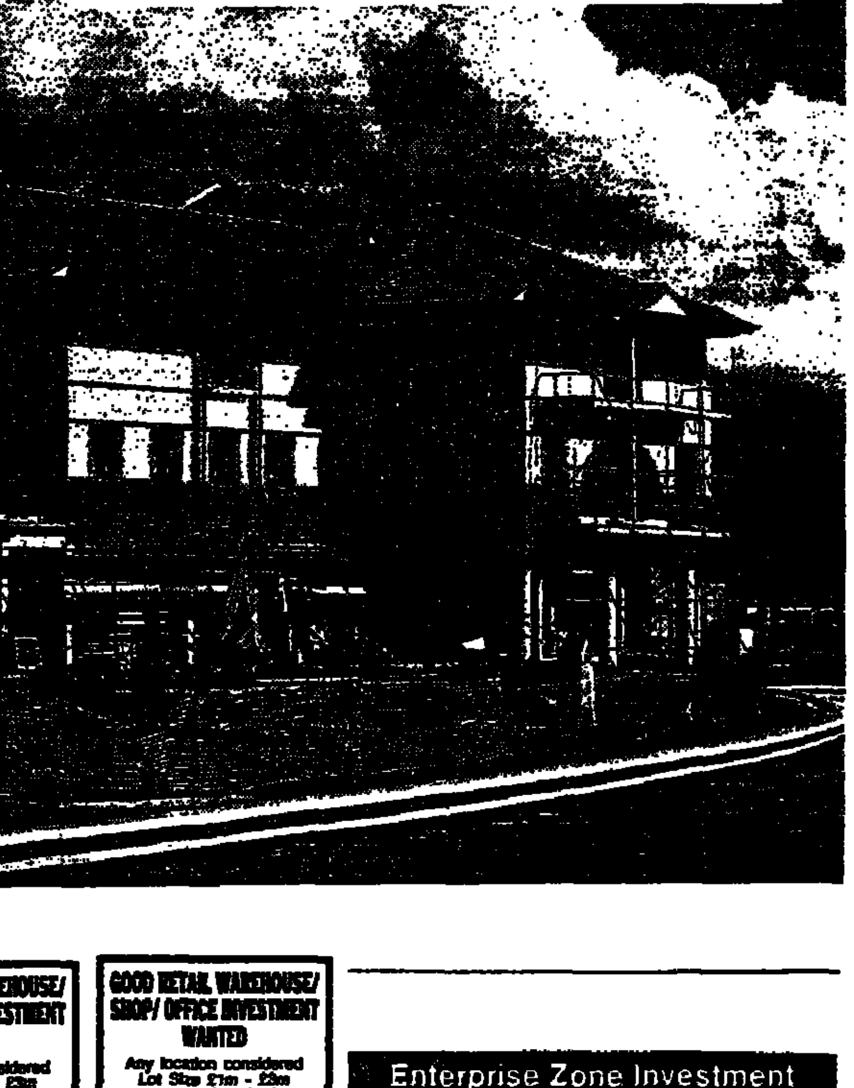

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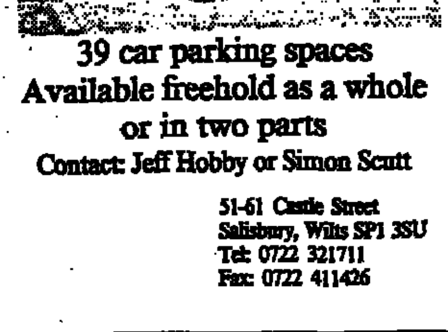

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ATHLETICS

Hutton out to profit by change in routine

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

HOW tempting it is to predict that Allister Hutton will not retain his ADT London Marathon title on Sunday. The facts — three warm-up races without an eye-catching run among them, and the presence in the field of the Olympic champion — speak for themselves. Or do they?

In his last race before trying to become the first man to win London in successive years, Hutton finished 25th in a half-marathon in The Hague. On a course thought to be short, he took 65min 44sec, more than a minute slower than his first half-marathon in London last year.

"It poses more question than it gives answers," Hutton said. You could certainly never imagine Gelindo Bordin, the Olympic and European champion, who is the hot favourite to provide Italy with its first London Marathon winner, running that badly.

But wait. What was it Alan Storey, Hutton's coaching adviser, said after victory last year? "Allister has done absolutely nothing in recent races to indicate this kind of performance," Storey had said.

Hutton dropped out of his first marathon, swearing never to do another, and look what happened. He was made redundant twice, and now has a nice little number as a lab technician on his doorstep in Edinburgh.

So why worry that the next race might not put right the last? "If you have a good one, the tendency is to say: 'I have done it all, I am in good shape'. If you have a bad one, you have to keep working at it. The fact that the World Cup is included in the London Marathon this year means that 99 people out of 100 would not consider me a challenger. Me? I would be happy with a place in the first half-dozen." That would be par for the course.

In 1985 and 1986, Hutton finished third; after missing 1987 he was sixth the following year, thirteenth in 1989, and then, in 1990, the winner. You would have thought that Hutton, after all those years experimenting, would have remained loyal to his winning formula.

"Where is the logic in saying that if it works one year it is going to work the next," Hutton said. So, instead of keeping exclusively to shorter races in his build-up, as he had in 1990, he returned to the half-marathon for his final test. He did that in 1988, and finished sixth. There is one important similarity. Last year, he had not run a marathon since the previous April; same goes this time.

This year there will be no Steve Jones or Charlie Spedding, the last British men to win London before Hutton bridged a five-year gap. But their spirit lives on. Hutton came back to the marathon from track running because he saw how the switch from 10,000 metres had worked for them.

Before London arrived, Milton Keynes was the place to be. Hutton made his debut there in the 1980 Olympic trial but dropped out at 15 miles. "It put me off marathon running and I thought I would never do one again," he said. But, in 1984, Spedding won London, Jones set a world best in Chicago, and Hutton changed his mind.

Aged 36, success and wealth — £34,570 for winning London — has come late for the Scot. And he does not like the fuss that accompanies it. What difference had winning London made to his life? "A lot of hassle. Gazza? Give me the quiet life any day."

Challenger tank man faces new challenge

By MICHAEL COLEMAN

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LAST year, it was not unusual for William Wakeham to be "closed down" in a Challenger tank for as long as 12 hours while on exercise with the British Army over a German heath. He was a lieutenant in the Blues and Royals and that was a tank crew's life.

"You sat in the one seat, with your gunner in front of you, a kitchen cooker in the back and a chute if you wanted to go to the loo. Twelve hours of it. But that was nothing like those chaps in the Gulf who did it all day, every day in the heat and with gas masks on. I didn't envy them."

To make up for this cramped lifestyle, tank crews run regularly to regain fitness, and so the 26-mile exercise facing the 24-year-old Wakeham, now a civilian, in the ADT London Marathon on Sunday does not worry him excessively. "Since my tank days, I'm used to up to 12 or 15 miles a day, but I'll admit a bad knee has recently set me back a couple of weeks," he said on Monday. "I managed 12 miles in Battersea Park this morning and noticed others like myself with the haggard look of marathon runners who fear they may be caught short."

Wakeham is tackling London, his first marathon, to help fight a disease which claims more victims each year than did the Gulf. One in three of us in Britain will contract some form of cancer in our lifetime, a sobering thought. This year alone, some 250,000 cases will be diagnosed. But of these, 80 per cent need suffer no pain and it can be drastically reduced for the rest.

The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund sponsors nurses who are specially trained in alleviating the suffering, mental and physical, of patients and their families, in hospital or at home. There are 800 Macmillan-trained nurses around the country, supported financially by the fund for three years before the regional health authorities take over.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Tiger in his tank: Wakeham on marathon exercises

"The fund provides £25,000 each year for each of these 800 nurses, so, over three years, that's a fair amount of money," Wakeham said. "My girlfriend's father used to run a cancer fund, but died of the disease, that's how I became aware of it. The Macmillan nurses give hope and the chance of living a normal life to those struck by this terrible disease."

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Unbeaten record remains intact

Birmingham Fire 0
London Monarchs..... 27

From RICHARD WETHERELL IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

THE London Monarchs scored their fourth win in four World League of American Football games on Monday night. They beat Birmingham Fire on offense, 404 yards to 112, gained 18 first downs to Fire's eight, and forced the home side to punt on every possession bar two when they attempted to throw.

But despite leading 10-0 at half-time thanks to David Smith's fifth touchdown of the season and a field goal by Phil Alexander, the Monarchs' dressing-room was subdued, as though they were ten points down, according to Larry Kennan, their head coach.

Monarchs wrapped the game up with two touchdowns by André Riley and a 27-yard field goal by Alexander.

The Monarchs' performance was not pretty, but to remain unbeaten after a 21-hour journey through five time zones was compensation enough.

Stan Gelbaugh threw for 302 yards, his third successive game over 300, although like the rest of the side he tended to press too hard in the first half

Kennan thought Gelbaugh lacked sharpness early on. "We were jumpy on offense," he said. "They are a good defensive team. Last week it worked, this week it didn't and we got frustrated."

Monarchs also gave away too many penalties for Kennan's liking.

Judd Garrett continued his excellent streak with 12 receptions, a League record, taking his tally to 30 for the season.

Monarchs have only two practice sessions before their game against Montreal Machine on Saturday. The game plans have already been established, and they must hope that the travelling will not affect them too much.

SCORERS: London Monarchs: Touchdowns: D Smith, A Riley (2) Conversions: P Alexander (3) Field goals: P Alexander (2). OTHER MATCH: San Antonio Riders 37, Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks 15.

North American East division

	W	L	D	F	A
Orlando Thunder	2	2	0	116	132
Montreal Machine	2	2	0	53	93
N York-N Jersey Knights	1	3	0	86	68
Raleigh-Durham	0	4	0	52	130
North American West division					
San Antonio Riders	2	2	0	84	53
Sacramento Surge	2	2	0	38	40
Birmingham Fire	1	3	0	32	80
European division					
Barcelona Dragons	4	0	0	112	54
London Monarchs	4	0	0	108	41
Frankfurt Galaxy	2	2	0	58	60

Crystal Gazing advances clear Guineas claim

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

CRYSTAL Gazing, handled with style and confidence by Lanfranco Dettori, put up a first-class 1,000 Guineas trial when giving Luca Cumani his second win in the past three years in the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at a blustery Newmarket yesterday.

"She's a lovely filly," said the 20-year-old Italian-born jockey now in his second season as contract rider to Cumani. "I produced her too soon but she was going so well. She idled in front and was looking around at me asking what to do next. Of course, Shadayid will be a different proposition, but Crystal Gazing will be difficult to keep out of the first three."

Lilian Bayliss, a heavily-backed second favourite at 5-2, made the early running on the stands rails but could find no more when Crystal Gazing cruised into the lead a furlong from home. Tetradonna stayed on strongly to be beaten only threequarters of a length at the line with Lilian Bayliss 1½ lengths away third only half a length in front of Dangora.

Cumani, hoping that Crystal Gazing will make amends for Ensconse's ill luck in running behind Musical Bliss in 1989 and give the trainer his first win in the 1,000, said:"Of course Shadayid's form entitles her to be favourite. But Crystal Gazing has still got a bit of wintry coat and she should improve for this race."

Predictably, as under three lengths separated the first four home, bookmaker reaction differed. Both Corals and Chandlers shortened yesterday's winner to 6-1, whereas Ladbrokes retained her at 10-1, shortening Shadayid's odds to 5-4. "It was a substandard Nell Gwyn," said Mike Dillon. "Shadayid looks even more outstanding."

However, despite the astute Dillon's logic, Dettori must be right that the 10-1 represents outstanding each-way value. After all, Shadayid has yet to prove in public she has trained on, whereas Crystal Gazing has already given emphatic proof.

Strong winds and the lack of rain in East Anglia had made the ground on the firm side. Osario, an uneasy favourite at 5-2 for the Abernant Stakes, was one who proved unable to act on the going and could finish only ninth behind the George Duffield-ridden Case Law.

After the 6-1 winner had put up a plucky performance to beat Elbio by half a length, Mark Prescott said:"He's the sort of horse that makes training look easy. He's never sick or sorry. He's not really up to this company but is so game that if things go wrong for the others he's there to take his chance.

"We were going for a listed race at Tipperary on May 9 but now we'll have a rethink. The Palace House Stakes is a possibility as he's even better over five furlongs."

So buoyant are hopes at the Craven Meeting that every winner of a middle-distance maiden race is being touted as a prospective Derby winner. However, even allowing for this, there was no mistaking the confidence behind the Henry Cecil-trained Wakashan in the Museum Stakes

Significantly, Cecil has fairly ambitious plans for Wakashan. "He could be a nice horse in the making," said the nine-times champion trainer. "We'll have to see how he goes on but either the Sandown Classic Trial or the Dee Stakes at Chester are possibilities."

Ladbrokes cut Wakashan's odds from 25-1 to 20-1, at which price the Cecil colt is fourth choice in the market behind Suomi, the 14-1 favourite.

Geoffrey Wragg also showed us a Derby hopeful when Gary Carter rode Young Buster to a convincing five lengths win over Shellegai in the Constant Security Maiden Stakes.

"He is a decent sort of horse," said the trainer. "Any of the trials are a possibility as he has earned the right to run in them.

Wilton, Davies banned

TRAINER Sue Wilton and conditional rider Steve Davies were each banned for six weeks at a Jockey Club disciplinary hearing yesterday. They were found guilty of not allowing Legal Streak to run on its merits at Doncaster on February 25. Miss Wilton and Davies had their licences suspended from April 19 to June 1.

They were reported to Portman Square after the Doncaster stewards noted that Legal Streak appeared not to have been asked for an effort from the third last before finishing well to take seventh place in the Balmoral Claiming Hurdle.

Stoke-On-Trent-based Miss Wilton, a licensed trainer for four years, has had two other recent brushes with the stewards. In January this year she and Davies were each fined £400 for not running Legal Streak on its merits when fifth in the Sandiacre Claiming Hurdle at Nottingham, and in January last year Miss Wilton and Graham McCourt were each fined £300 over the running and riding of Good Cause at Sedgefield and Ludlow.

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Damages for remote nervous shock

Ravenscroft v Rederiaktiebologet Transatlantic

Before Mr Justice Ward

Judgment March 26]

A mother so distraught by the circumstances of the death of her son in an industrial accident, although she had seen neither the accident nor her son in hospital, was entitled to damages for the recognisable psychiatric condition which she suffered as a result, there being no public policy issue which prevented such recovery.

Mr Justice Ward, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when awarding agreed damages of £16,500 to the plaintiff, Mrs Florence Ravenscroft, in settlement of her claim for nervous shock against Rederiaktiebologet Transatlantic, the defendant employers of her son.

Mr Allan Gore for the plaintiff; Mr Michael Bowerman for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE WARD said that the plaintiff was crushed by a runaway fork-lift truck belonging to the defendants, his employers. His mother neither saw the accident nor was present at his death in hospital and did not see his body immediately afterwards.

However, she immediately became deeply depressed as a result of the grief. Her consultant psychiatrist found her mood very low; she was barely able to function. She cooked and cleaned but without interest. She often spent a lot of the day in bed or sitting doing nothing, her sleep pattern was still grossly disturbed, her appetite was not good and she had lost at least a stone in weight.

Both psychiatrists agreed that she was not a lady of undue sensitivity, but was of reasonable fortitude. Both agreed that she suffered a prolonged grief reaction, as defined in the International Classification of Disease Code 309.1, (HMSO 924 154 0044 and 924 154 0052) namely, a prolonged depressive reaction which was not specifiable as manic depression but which might be psychotic or neurotic and might be long lasting.

That psychiatric illness was caused by the defendants. If as urged in *Attia v British Gas plc* ([1988] 1 QB 304) the court ceased to use the inaccurate and misleading expression "nervous shock", then his Lordship saw no reason why some notion of shock, especially one which was not to be understood in terms of "recognisable psychiatric illness" (*McLoughlin v O'Brian* ([1983] 1 AC 410) was to be reintroduced as an element in the chain of causation.

The correct proposition was as stated by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *Hinz v Berry* ([1970] 2 QB 40, 42) that damages were recoverable for any recognisable psychiatric illness caused by a breach of duty of the defendant.

Adopting the words of Lord Wilberforce in *McLoughlin* (at p418), her psychiatric damage was "caused by the impact, through her senses, of external events on the mind". She had failed to contain the ordinary emotions of grief and a reactive depression had set in.

The plaintiff had a normal standard of susceptibility, there was no diagnostic or medical difference in the anxiety state caused through witnessing the accident itself or through being present at the aftermath or through simply learning about it from another. Some kind of psychiatric damage was a foreseeable consequence to the mother and there was a real risk, not far remote, that she might suffer.

In *McLoughlin* there had been a deep division of opinion. It was necessary to choose between two approaches.

For Lord Bridge of Harwich, the criterion of a defendant's duty of care was that of reasonable foreseeability. He discounted the role of policy in defining the criteria for liability.

He saw (at p441) "no grounds whatever for suggesting that to make the defendant liable for reasonably foreseeable psychiatric illness caused by his negligence would be to impose a crushing burden on him out of proportion to his moral responsibilities".

But for Lord Wilberforce (at p420) "foreseeability . . . is a formula adopted by English law, not merely for defining but also for limiting the persons for whom duty may be owed . . .

"When it is said to result in a duty of care being owed to a person or a class, the statement that there is 'a duty of care' denotes a conclusion into the forming of which considerations of policy have entered."

It was necessary to consider three elements inherent in any such claim: the class of persons claiming and the closeness of their relationship to the victim; the proximity in space and time of such persons to the accident or its aftermath; the means by which the shock was caused, by sight or hearing or through some communication by a third party.

In *Attia* Lord Justice Bingham analysed the majority *ratio* in *McLoughlin* to be that reasonable foreseeability of psychiatric damage was a necessary condition of a successful claim but that even where that was shown a right to recover might be denied on the ground of policy.

The indirect quality of the injury to the third party in "nervous shock" cases had introduced the need for the notion of proximity.

Having considered the authorities, his Lordship held that the plaintiff's illness was reasonably foreseeable, notwithstanding her distance in time and space from the events and their aftermath; that proximity required such a relation between the parties as rendered it fair, just and reasonable that liability be imposed; and that policy factors should be considered as part and parcel of the relationship of proximity.

His Lordship reviewed the incremental development of the law in psychiatric damage cases and held that that category of negligence was not closed.

He therefore concluded that the reasonable foreseeability of the harm, the proximity of the relationship and his understanding of all concepts of reasonableness, justice and fairness compelled him to add to the categories of such negligence that increment of liability which might arise when the psychiatric illness was caused by being told of the disaster although not witnessing it or its aftermath.

Solicitor: Robin Thompson & Partners, Hull; Andrew M. Jackson & Co, Hull.

Reviewing decision to prosecute

Regina v Chief Constable of Kent and Another, Ex parte L
Regina v Crown Prosecution Service and Another, Ex parte B

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice French

[Judgment March 26]

A decision of the Crown Prosecution Service to continue with the prosecution of a juvenile was open to judicial review but only where it could be demonstrated that the decision was made regardless of settled policy or guidelines.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing applications from two minors for judicial review of decisions to prosecute them.

L sought judicial review of a decision of the Chief Constable of Kent to prosecute him and a decision of the CPS to continue the prosecution in circumstances where, with the possible exception of the seriousness of the offence, the criteria for cautioning him had been met.

B sought judicial review on the ground that although cautioning was not an option because she had not admitted the offence, there had been failure to consider all the relevant circumstances before commencement of proceedings by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and their continuation by the CPS.

Mr Robert Rhodes, QC and Mr Lewis Marks for L; Mr Roger McCarthy for the Chief Constable of Kent; Mr David Cocks, QC and Mr Henry Cleaver for B; Mr Victor Temple for the commissioner; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Mark Dennis for the CPS.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that if judicial review lay in such circumstances, in contrast to where there had been a failure to take any action against a person suspected of a criminal offence, it lay against the body which had the last and decisive word, the CPS.

A refusal to prosecute by the police might be vulnerable to judicial review but only upon a basis which was severely circumscribed: see *R v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Ex parte Blackburn* ([1968] 2 QB 118) and *R v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Ex parte Blackburn (No 3)* ([1973] QB 241).

A decision to discontinue proceedings by the CPS could be equated with a decision by the police not to prosecute and was, therefore, open to judicial review only upon the restricted basis open to someone seeking to challenge a decision by the police.

In respect of juveniles, the discretion of the CPS to continue or to discontinue criminal proceedings was reviewable by the court but only where it could be demonstrated that the decision was made regardless of, or was clearly contrary to, a settled policy of the DPP evolved in the public interest, such as the policy of cautioning juveniles; a policy which the CPS was bound to apply, where appropriate, to the exercise of its discretion to continue or discontinue criminal proceedings.

But it would only be rarely that a defendant could succeed in showing that a discretion was fatally flawed in such a manner as that.

That policy applied to the case of L but not to the case of B because cautioning was not an option for her.

Thus the policy which was rightly applicable to her was another. It was that a prosecution should not occur unless it was required in the public interest, regard having been had to the stigma of a conviction which could cause irreparable harm to the future prospects of a young person, and to his previous character, parental attitude and the likelihood of the offences being repeated: see Home Office Circular 14/1985 (since replaced by 59/1990).

It was difficult to envisage with regard to that policy, a circumstance, fraud or dishonesty apart possibly, which would allow of a challenge to a decision to prosecute or to continue proceedings unless it could be demonstrated, in the case of a juvenile, that there had been either a total disregard of the policy or, contrary to it, a lack of enquiry into the circumstances and background of that person, previous offences and general character, by the prosecutor and CPS.

But there too the possibility of showing that such disregard had happened was unlikely. Therefore, although the CPS might in principle be reviewed, in practice it was rarely likely to be successfully reviewed.

As to the position of adults in that respect, his Lordship was of the view that judicial review of a decision not to discontinue a prosecution was unlikely to be available.

The danger of opening too wide a door of review of the discretion to continue a prosecution was manifest and such review if it existed had, therefore, to be confined to very narrow limits.

Juveniles and the policy with regard to them were in a special position.

Mr Justice French agreed.

Solicitors: Berry & Berry, Tunbridge Wells; Miss Caroline A. Eades, Maidstone; Stephen Fidler & Co; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police; CPS.

Court consent order enforceable without fresh action

Atkinson and Another v Castan and Another

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment April 11]

Where a consent order did not in terms impose any obligation upon the parties but contained the agreement which was the basis of the order, the agreement was enforceable by a further order of the court without the necessity of a fresh action.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Ms Rosario Castan and Ms Carmen Segura, who at Sudbury County Court had been ordered by Judge Williams to carry out the terms of settlement of an action brought by the plaintiffs, Mr John Atkinson and Mrs Jean Phyllis Atkinson.

Mr David Richardson for the defendants; Mr Michael Yelton for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the plaintiffs owned Poplar Farm, and the defendants Wayland Hall. Both properties were in Chapel Road, Ridgwell, Essex. The defendants had a sycamore tree on their land near the plaintiffs' garage.

The tree appeared to be causing damage to the garage and in January 1988, by particulars of claim issued out of the county court, the plaintiffs complained of nuisance caused by the tree.

The parties reached a compromise, as a result of which a consent order was made by the court reciting that the defendants had agreed to have the tree removed at their own expense and pay for remedial work to the garage. The order concluded that no order was made save that the defendants pay the plaintiffs' costs.

Having subsequently received expert advice that the tree would cause no further damage and it was unnecessary to remove it, the defendants took no action to carry out the agreement in the consent order. On an application by the plaintiffs, the judge ordered the defendants to have the tree removed.

Relying on *Green v Rosen* ([1955] 1 WLR 741), the defendants contended that the plaintiffs could not enforce the agreement in the existing action except by commencing a fresh action.

In his Lordship's view, there were three possible consequences where parties compromised an action:

1 Where the court was not involved in the settlement, in the sense that no step was taken to incorporate the settlement in the decision of the court and, therefore, a fresh action was necessary to enforce the agreement (*Green v Rosen*).

2 Where positive orders in consequence of the compromise were made by the court, then the agreement could be directly enforced by the court

3 Where, although the agreement was recorded as part of the decision of the court and clearly required a party to do or refrain from doing an act, nevertheless there was no order to that effect. That was the present case.

In the third type of case a party wishing to enforce the agreement could apply to the court for an order making it directly enforceable. But the defendants contended that in the absence of an express provision for liberty to apply, that course was not open to the plaintiffs.

But, having regard to the terms of the order, his Lordship was of the opinion that it was implicit in the order that there should be liberty to apply.

Accordingly, the judge was correct in deciding that the plaintiffs were entitled to have the agreement enforced without need to bring a fresh action.

Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Young & Co, Braintree; Bates Ellison & Morris, Haverhill.

Drugs cash claim overtakes insolvency order

In re M

Before Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment February 18]

An interim order preventing the institution of proceedings against a debtor or his property, made under section 252 of the Insolvency Act 1986 by the county court, did not affect the right of the prosecution to make an application under section 8(6) of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 for the appointment of a receiver for the realisable property of a debtor against whom criminal proceedings had been instituted.

Mr Justice Otton so held giving judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers of cross-applications by both the defendant, M, and the prosecution for the appointment of a receiver, under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act, to handle the realisable property of M who had been indicted with serious drug offences and whose assets had been the subject of a restraint order under section 8 of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act since June 1990.

In January 1991, the county court made an interim order under section 252 of the Insolvency Act 1986 prohibiting the presentation of a bankruptcy petition and commencement or continuation of any proceedings against M or his property.

Mr Ian McCulloch for M; Mr Martin Hinton, of the Crown Prosecution Service, for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE OTTON said that it had been submitted on behalf of M that the effect of the words "no other proceedings or other legal process" in section 252(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act imposed an absolute prohibition upon the CPS in making an application to the High Court under section 8(6) of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act unless they had the leave of the county court.

The CPS relied upon section 15(3) of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act which stated the nothing in the Insolvency Act should be taken as restricting, or enabling the restriction, of the exercise of the powers conferred upon the High Court under sections 8 to 12 of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act.

His Lordship stated that section 15(2) limited the exercise of the powers under section 8 to 12 when a debtor had been adjudged bankrupt. No such protection was afforded to the estate of debtors who were applying for or who were subject to a voluntary arrangement under Part 8 of the Insolvency Act.

That was followed by subsection (3) to the effect that nothing in the Insolvency Act should be taken as resricting or enabling the restriction of the exercise of the powers of the court under that part of the Act.

Those two subsections when read together had the effect contended for by the Crown, so that the estates subject to a voluntary arrangement were not protected in the way argued for on behalf of M.

The restraint order was an order of the High Court and had the effect of freezing all the realisable property from the moment it was made.

It prohibited any person from dealing with any realisable property. That prevented the debtor from petitioning for his own bankruptcy. It also prevented the debtor from making an application to the county court for an interim order where he intended to make a proposal to his creditors for a composition in satisfaction of his debts or a scheme of arrangements of his affairs which involved the realisable property caught by the restraint order.

In the instant case the restraint order was made in June 1990 and had continued in existence ever since. The realisable property had been and remained frozen in the terms of the restraint order.

The county court still had jurisdiction to make an interim order or to appoint a nominee under the debtor's proposals under section 255 in respect of property not covered by the restraint order.

Thus the application for the appointment of a receiver under section 8(6) by the CPS was not a contravention of the order of the county court and the CPS had been under no obligation to obtain the leave of the county court before making the application.

The two procedures were not co-extensive but were discrete and complimentary.

The property to which the restraint order applied was no longer to be considered as part of the defendant's estate. He held only notional title to such property. All dealings with it were to be held in abeyance until such time as the defendant was acquitted or a confiscation order was made and satisfied.

In addition, it was unthinkable that an application for an appointment of a receiver by or on behalf of the defendant to preserve assets intended for the satisfaction of a confiscation order could be entertained by the High Court.

A restraint order could only be made upon the application of a prosecutor and, bearing in mind that the making of an order appointing a receiver under section 8 was a power that could only be exercised upon the making of a restraint order, it would follow that an application for an appointment of a receiver could similarly only be made by a prosecutor.

Solicitors: Clintons for Middleweeks, Manchester; CPS.

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Flying Brave suited by ground

ON FAST ground he will relish, Flying Brave, from John Dunlop's Arundel yard, can defy top weight to win the Ladbroke European Free Handicap at Newmarket today. He is my nap.

As a two-year-old, Flying Brave came to hand relatively early, winning first time out at Goodwood at the beginning of June. Now I have excellent reports about the way that he has been going throughout his build up.

While conceding that Flying Brave put up a stout performance when he won the valuable Tattersalls Tiffany Highflyer Stakes over today's trip on the Newmarket July course, his best form was arguably when he was beaten into second place by the current 2,000 Guineas favourite, Mukaddamah, in the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood in August. In third place that day was Generous, the subsequent winner of the Dewhurst Stakes.

Flying Brave's defeats at Ascot and the Curragh were attributed to soft ground, which he loathes.

Unlike Flying Brave, Anjiz, the joint top weight, failed the only time that he attempted today's distance as a two-year-old. So there remains the possibility that he will turn out to be a sprinter.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

With only one run under his belt, Andrassy is the least experienced member of the field and I feel that that could count against him this time. The unbeaten Junk Bond could be a serious threat though having won the Houghton Stakes over today's course and distance.

The only time that Lady Beaverbrook's smart five-year-old Terimon scored last season was when he won the Earl of Sefton EBF Stakes.

But he ran well on other occasions, notably when runner-up to Elmaamul in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown. That sort of form makes him hard to beat in today's company.

In the Johansens Guides Wood Ditton Stakes, my best information singles out Fanmore. By that top-class miler Lear Fan, Fanmore is expected to develop into an above-average performer.

At Ayr, another victory for Too Eager in the Great Western Sprint Handicap will simply highlight the excellent chance that Blackwaterfoot has of winning the Ravenspark Handicap later in the programme.

When Too Eager was successful at Catterick at the end of last month, many thought that Blackwaterfoot was unlucky to be beaten threequarters of a length in second place. In the meantime Too Eager has shown that his own victory was no fluke by winning again at Newcastle.

At Cheltenham, the South Wales Showers Caradon Mira Silver Trophy can go to the 1990 Gold Cup winner Norton's Coin, who showed at Liverpool recently that he is running into form, even though he contrived to throw away a race that he ought to have won by jumping badly at the last two fences.

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Cream Silk Lady.	2.00 Cream Silk Lady.	2.35 FANMORE (nap).
2.35 Fanmore.	2.35 Fanmore.	3.35 Flying Brave.
3.05 Terimon.	3.05 Stapleford Manor.	
3.35 FLYING BRAVE (nap).	3.35 Snowy Owl.	
4.10 Parting Moments.	4.10 ROYAL STANDARD (nap).	
4.45 Honey Snugfit	4.45 Honey Snugfit.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 Terimon. 4.10 Royal Standard.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.0 GEOFFREY BARLING MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £4,737: 7f) (14 runners)

101 (13) 35- ALAMIRA 172 (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn ● 99
102 (2) BRILLIANT (Lord Derby) J Watts 8-11 ... Dean McKeown —
103 (1) 4- CREAM SILK LADY 280 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 92
104 (3) 505- CROWN ANGEL 233 (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 ... S Raymont 79
105 (4) KATY ANN BEE (Mrs M Becker) M Ryan 8-11 ... R Cochrane —
106 (11) 44- MATA CARA 182 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-11 ... L Dettori 86
107 (5) 0- NAJAAH 170 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11 ... W Carson —
108 (12) PASTORALE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 ... S Cauthen —
109 (6) ROMOLA NIJINSKY (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11 ... M Roberts —
110 (10) 45- SEARCHING STAR 188 (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 8-11 ... J Reid 72
111 (14) SHEROOG (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-11 ... A Munro —
112 (8) TENDER MOMENT (R Richards) C Brittain 8-11 ... B Doyle (5) —
113 (9) TITIAN RED (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11 ... C Asmussen —
114 (7) 0- WASSIFA 298 (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-11 ... B Raymond —

BETTING: 11-4 Cream Silk Lady, 5-1 Mata Cara, Pastorale, 11-2 Alamira, 6-1 Wassifa, 10-1 Najaah, Titian Red, 12-1 others.

1990: RAHAAM 8-11 S Cauthen (4-6 fav) H Cecil 9 ran

2.35 JOHANSENS GUIDES WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,765: 1m) (14 runners) C4

201 (11) BIG BEAT (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-0 ... C Asmussen —
202 (13) FANMORE (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ... Pat Eddery —
203 (3) JACK LANG (L Betz) L Cumani 9-0 ... L Dettori —
204 (10) KAYFAAT (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 ... B Raymond —
205 (14) KIVETON KABOOZ (Kiveton Park Ltd) L Cumani 9-0 ... J Fortune —
206 (1) LAHIB (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ... NON-RUNNER —
207 (6) MOONLIGHT QUEST (Mrs J Lamb) B Hanbury 9-0 ... R Cochrane —
208 (2) NAMASTE (R McAuley) B Hanbury 9-0 ... A Munro —
209 (9) PROFESSIONAL (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 ... J Reid —
210 (5) SHAKEEL (Saeed Maktoum Al Maktoum) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan —
211 (4) SHILTON (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 ... S Cauthen —
212 (12) SOMEBODY GRAND (J Mabee) M Stoute 9-0 ... Paul Eddery —
213 (8) VOODOO RHYTHM (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... W R Swinburn —
214 (7) GUSSY MARLOWE (Mrs J Van Geest) C Brittain 8-9 ... M Roberts —

BETTING: 5-2 Shakeel, 4-1 Jack Lang, 5-1 Fanmore, 6-1 Professional, 8-1 Big Beat, Somebody Grand, 10-1 Shilton, 12-1 Voodoo Rhythm, 14-1 Kiveton Kabooz, 16-1 others.

1990: TAMONO DANCER 9-0 B Raymond (12-1) B Hanbury 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

FANMORE by Lear Fan out of Lady Blackfoot, a speedy Irish filly, is a half-brother to juvenile 5f winner Monsieurlone. GUSSY MARLOWE by Final Straw, is a half-brother to 6f-1m 2f winner Athens Nocturn. JACK LANG by Damister, is a half-brother to 4 winners in Italy. KIVETON KABOOZ by Rousillon, is a half-brother to juvenile 7f-1m winner Persong. NAMASTE by Persian out of View, a 6f winner, is a half-brother to middle-distance maiden Choir Leader. PROFESSIONAL by Sadler's Wells is a half-brother to 7f winner Norquest. SHAKEEL by Mr Prospector out of Mom's Command, a leading juvenile and champion three-year-old filly in North America. SHILTON by Topsider out of a multiple winner in North America, a half-brother to 7f winner Put Away. SOMEBODY GRAND by El Gran Senor, a half-brother to 1m 2f-1m 4f winner Regency Fair. VOODOO RHYTHM by Be My Guest, brother to useful 7f winner Guest Performer and half-brother to 1m-1m 2f winner Philharmonic. No selection

3.5 EARL OF SEFTON EBF STAKES (Group III: £22,221: 1m 1f) (11 runners) C4

301 (7) 41050-3 ETON LAD 8 (G) (W Sait) N Callaghan 4-8-13 ... B Raymond 88
302 (11) 2354-43 LANDYAP 12 (B,F) (Drummohr Investments Ltd) D Elsworth 7-8-13. C Asmussen 89
303 (6) 032240- TERIMON 179 (CD,F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 5-8-13 M Roberts 94
304 (9) 223511- RUBY TIGER 185 (G,S) (Mrs P Blacker) P Cole 4-8-12 ... T Quinn 91
305 (2) 0-45000 BREEZED WELL 16 (F,G) (Shadowlex Racing) C Allen 5-8-10 ... M Tebbutt 71
306 (3) 41/0014- CROUPIER 200 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 4-8-10 ... S Cauthen 79
307 (10) 1/2164- DUKE OF PADUCAH 302 (C,F,G) (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 4-8-10 R Cochrane 85
308 (4) 411040- EMPEROR FOUNTAIN 195 (F) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 4-8-10. W Newnes 80
309 (5) 04100-1 NOBLE PATRIARCH 12 (F,G,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 4-8-10 ... J Reid ● 99
310 (1) 425120- NORTHERN HAL 194 (F) (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 4-8-10 ... Pat Eddery 91
311 (8) 21124- STAPLEFORD MANOR 215 (F) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 4-8-10 ... L Dettori 89

BETTING: 7-2 Noble Patriarch, 9-2 Stapleford Manor, 5-1 Northern Hal, 6-1 Ruby Tiger, Eton Lad, 8-1 Terimon, Emperor Fountain, 10-1 Duke Of Paducah, 12-1 Landyap, 16-1 Croupier, 33-1 Breezed Well.

1990: TERIMON 4-8-10 R Cochrane (20-1) C Brittain 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ETON LAD 5½l 3rd to Hatsel at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to soft) TERIMON beat Citidancer a sh hd in this race last season (good). RUBY TIGER beat Aldbourne 5l at Woodbine (1m 2f, soft). CROUPIER 14l 4th to Markofdistinction at Ascot (1m, good to firm). DUKE OF PADUCAH 3l 4th to Private Tender at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm). NOBLE PATRIARCH beat Indian Queen 5l at Kempton (1m 2f, good to soft) LANDYAP (3lb worse off) 4l 3rd. STAPLEFORD MANOR ½l 2nd to Madame Dubois at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start. Selection: TERIMON (nap)

CHELTENHAM

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.15 Anti Matter.	2.15 Anti Matter.
2.50 Buckshee Boy.	2.50 Glenside Jerry.
3.25 Norton's Coin.	3.25 Norton's Coin.
4.00 Monday Club.	4.00 Lake Tereen.
4.35 Pactolus.	4.35 Catch The Cross.
5.10 Sweet N' Twenty.	5.10 Sweet N' Twenty.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 KING CREDO.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 COOMBE HILL NOVICES CHASE (£7,067: 2m 4f) (7 runners) BBC1

1 14108P BEAU PARI 15 (CD,G,S) (G Radnore) J Gifford 7-11-8 ... D Murphy 92
2 1F2F25 BLACK AMBER 12 (C,F,G) (M Buckley) N Henderson 7-11-8 ... R Dunwoody ● 99
3 5111/P1 ANTI MATTER 5 (F,G,S) (T Few) M Pipe 8-11-4 ... P Scudamore 86
4 1UUF03 COINAGE 130 (F) (R Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 8-11-4 Mr G Johnson Houghton 85
5 054/1UU COMPLETE OPTIMIST 13 (D,S) (B Lewis) R Lee 7-11-4 ... S Dowling 74
6 6-3P006 THE LIDGATE STAR 18 (Mrs J McHugh) M Tate 8-11-4 ... A Tory —
7 P043P4 TRAVISTOWN 18 (Mrs M Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 9-11-4 ... C Evans 86

BETTING: 9-4 Anti Matter, 7-2 Black Amber, 5-1 Complete Optimist, 6-1 Beau Pari, 8-1 Travistown, 12-1 Coinage, 14-1 The Lidgate Star.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BEAU PARI no show since 7l defeat of Whats Your Problem over course and distance (good to soft) in January. BLACK AMBER 22½l 5th to Young Benz at Liverpool (2m, soft). ANTI MATTER comfortably beat Tildebo 5l at Wincanton (2m, good). COMPLETE OPTIMIST weakening when unseating rider 5 out behind Sparkling Flame at Liverpool (3m 1f, good); earlier left clear last to defeat Carousel Crossoff (distance at Leicester (2m 4f, good to soft). TRAVISTOWN 11l 4th to Sea Island at Chepstow (2m 4f, good to soft). Selection: BLACK AMBER

2.50 MARSTON'S PEDIGREE BITTER GOLDEN MILLER HANDICAP CHASE (£9,455: 3m 2f) (15 runners) BBC1

1 341151 THE LEGGETT 15 (F,G,S) (A Ford) M Pipe 8-11-10 ... P Scudamore 98
2 515-331 BUCKSHEE BOY 25 (B,S) (J Pilkington) J Pilkington 9-11-5 ... D Tegg 88
3 113383 KILLBANON 13 (F,G,S) (W Ebury) C Thistlethwaite 9-11-4 ... S Earle 80
4 11P-31F UP AND COMING 22 (F,G) (Mrs C Wells) N Henderson 8-11-4 ... R Dunwoody 95
5 PP4014 GLENSIDE JERRY 14 (V,F,G,S) (D Meade) M Meade 13-10-13 ... N Hawke ● 99
6 524120 GOLDEN FRIEND 25 (CD,F,G,S) (D Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-11 (4ex) ... J Kavanagh (3) 87
7 2P0521 JOHN O'DEE 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) S Christian 9-10-10 ... M Bowlby 98
8 2P36F-4 VULGAN WARRIOR 16 (F,G) (Mrs M Wilson) S McNeillie 11-10-5 ... J Shortt 94
9 2-43451 GALA'S IMAGE 16 (C,F,G,S) (B Thackray) G Moore 9-10-2 ... G McCourt 87
10 P/4141-1 GLASS MOUNTAIN 202 (F,G) (B Whitehorn) G Moore 9-10-2 ... R Supple 92
11 25P121 RED COLUMBIA 19 (G,S) (Mrs J Webster) K Wingrove 10-10-2 ... M Perrett 98
12 53-1032 TUNS HILL 22 (CD,S) (B Escott) R Dickin 9-10-1 ... S Smith Eccles 78
13 140-01R JOIST 6 (CD,F,G) (A Joynson) Mrs J Wonnacott 9-10-1 ... M Richards 98
14 1FU54F UNDER OFFER 26 (B,G,S) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) P Bailey 10-10-0 ... M Richards 98
15 35F031 PITHY 11 (B,G,S) (P Harris) Mrs N Sharpe 9-10-0 ... J Bryan 86

Long handicap: Pithy 9-5.

BETTING: 4-1 The Leggett, 5-1 Buckshee Boy, 6-1 John O'Dee, 7-1 Up And Coming, 8-1 Killbanon, 10-1 Glenside Jerry, 12-1 Golden Friend, 14-1 Gala's Image, Vulgan Warrior, 16-1 Tuns Hill, 20-1 others.

1990: ROYAL CEDAR 9-10-13 R Dunwoody (3-1) J McConnochie 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE LEGGETT sit out to beat Bold Monk 2½l at Chepstow (3m, good to soft) with VULGAN WARRIOR (8lb better off) 22½l 4th. BUCKSHEE BOY beat Ten Of Spades 8l at Newbury (3m, good) with GOLDEN FRIEND tailed off 7th. KILLBANON 33l 3rd to Sparkling Flame at Liverpool (3m 1f, good) JOHN O'DEE beat Ide's Delight 1l at Ascot (2m 4f, good). GALA'S IMAGE beat Mentalender sh hd at Wincanton (3m 1f, good to firm). GLASS MOUNTAIN beat Abeonant 3l at Perth (3m, good). RED COLUMBIA easily beating Norval 8l at Southwell (3m 100yd, good). TUNS HILL running on 4l 2nd to Karakter Reference at Sandown (3m 115yd, good) with THE LEGGETT (8lb worse off) always behind 26l½l 5th and UP AND COMING fell 8th. Selection: GLASS MOUNTAIN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J McConnochie	3	12	25.0	N Hawke	5	20	25.0
M Pipe	47	226	20.8	R Supple	3	14	21.4
N Twiston-Davies	5	28	17.9	M Perrett	11	60	18.3
N Henderson	26	158	16.5	P Scudamore	53	297	17.8
G Balding	26	164	15.9	A Mulholland	3	17	17.6
D Nicholson	34	215	15.8	R Guest	7	40	17.5

3.25 SOUTH WALES SHOWERS CARADON MIRA SILVER TROPHY CHASE (Grade II: £15,380: 2m 4f) (4 runners) BBC1

1 252-111 PEGWELL BAY 26 (CD,F,G) (Maj A Barlow) T Forster 10-11-7 ... J Railton 93
2 U23123 WATERLOO BOY 12 (CD,F,G,S) (M Dealey) D Nicholson 8-11-7 ... R Dunwoody ● 99
3 1-F3RF2 NORTON'S COIN 13 (CD,F,G,S) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 10-11-4 ... G McCourt 92
4 F2232P ASTON EXPRESS 12 (B,D,G,S) (J Featherstone) G Moore 8-11-0 ... G Bradley 79

BETTING: 8-4 Waterloo Boy, 2-1 Pegwell Bay, 11-4 Norton's Coin, 10-1 Aston Express.

1990: BARNBROOK AGAIN 9-11-10 H Davies (6-4 fav) D Elsworth 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

PEGWELL BAY beat Sea Nymph sh hd at Newbury (2m 4f, good); previously won at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good) by a length from Comandante. WATERLOO BOY 12½l 3rd to Blazing Walker at Liverpool (2m 4f, soft) ASTON EXPRESS tailed off when pulled up before 4 out; previously 7l 2nd to Kalabalic here (2m, good to soft). NORTON'S COIN tried to refuse last when 1½l 2nd to Aquiliter at Liverpool (3m 1f, good). ASTON EXPRESS 12l 2nd to Chetwin on penultimate start over course and distance (good). Selection: WATERLOO BOY

4.0 EBF NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Final: grade III: £14,240: 2m) (10 runners) BBC2

1 112131 LAKE TEEREEN 27 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Grantham) J Gifford 6-11-10 ... T Grantham 80
2 23/3-22 SQUIRE LAMB 29 (BF) (R Ogden) N Gaselee 5-11-3 ... R Dunwoody 90
3 12-1121 MR WOODCOCK 147 (D,F,G) (P Tyler) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-13 ... P Niven 89
4 512122 MONDAY CLUB 90 (D,G) (J Nicol) M Pipe 7-10-10 ... P Scudamore 92
5 5-1P051 DUO DROM 15 (D,G) (F Haggas) Mrs D Haine 6-10-8 ... M Lynch 86
6 32-11 KING CREDO 40 (D,G,S) (R Lacey) S Woodman 6-10-6 ... J Railton ● 99
7 0-43586 AMONG FRIENDS 11 (The Rumble Racing Club) G Balding 6-10-2 ... S Hodgson (5) 93
8 0-34211 POETIC GEM 18 (D,G,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 6-10-0 ... R Guest 98
9 0654 KELLY OWENS 18 (Mrs T Bison) N Smith 8-10-0 ... W Irvine 68
10 P43F PABREY 29 (S Mitchell) N Mitchell 5-10-0 ... D Skyrme 78

Long handicap: Poetic Gem 9-11, Kelly Owens 9-4, Pabrey 9-0.

BETTING: 7-2 Lake Tereen, 4-1 King Credo, 9-2 Mr Woodcock, 6-1 Monday Club, 8-1 Poetic Gem, 10-1 Among Friends, 12-1 Squire Lamb, 14-1 Duo Drom, 16-1 others.

1990: VAZON BAY 6-12-0 M Pitman (7-1) Mrs J Pitman 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAKE TEEREEN made all to beat River Bounty 2½l at Towcester (2m, good to soft). MR WOODCOCK comfortably beat Aqua Breeze 7l at Kelso (2m, good). MONDAY CLUB 9l 2nd to Sp Proud at Taunton (2m 110yd, good to soft) with PABREY (same terms) 29l 4th. DUO DROM beat Emsee-H 5l at Fakenham (2m 80yd, good). KELLY OWENS (3lb better off) 15l 4th. KING CREDO beat POETIC GEM (2lb better off) 4l at Sandown (2m, soft); previously beat MONDAY CLUB (1lb better off) ½l at Lingfield (2m, good). POETIC GEM beat Robble Burns 2l at Plumpton (2m, good). Selection: KING CREDO

4.35 GEORGE DULLER HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,936: 3m) (8 runners)

1 111204 CATCH THE CROSS 15 (V,C,BF,F,G,S) (S Price) M Pipe 5-11-10 ... M Foster (5) 98
2 P15623 COMBENMERE 35 (D,BF,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 7-11-5 ... J Frost 95
3 0-011FF RUN TO FORM 34 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Allen) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-13 ... B de Haan 92
4 034-010 PACTOLUS 12 (G,S) (Mrs D Clark) S Christian 8-10-11 ... A Mulholland 95
5 2551P3 SQUIRE JIM 7 (D,F) (The Plough Racing Team) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-2 ... C Llewellyn ● 99
6 010-603 THEO'S FELLA 4 (G) (Theo Waddington (UK) Ltd) G Balding 7-10-0 ... R Guest 98
7 123314 SALAMANDER JOE 26 (F,G) (G Mordaunt) D Nicholson 6-10-0 ... R Dunwoody 90
8 62/P-PPU MANDALAY PRINCE 9F (H Rushworth) T Kersey 7-10-0 ... Susan Kersey 89

Long handicap: Salamander Joe 9-10, Mandalay Prince 9-3.

BETTING: 3-1 Catch The Cross, 7-2 Run To Form, 5-1 Squire Jim, 6-1 Pactolus, 8-1 Combermere, 12-1 Salamander Joe, 14-1 Theo's Fella, 33-1 Mandalay Prince.

1990: PICADOR 6-10-4 Peter Hobbs (5-4 jt-fav) P Hobbs 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft) final start last term. TAKE ONE 25l 11th to Shambo at Kempton (2m, good). BEEKMAN STREET tailed off 11th to Sappey Lane at Southwell (AW, 1m 6f). Selection: GAY GLINT

4.45 EBF BARTLOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,191: 5f) (6 runners)

601 (5) DAILY SPORT GIRL (Rokdale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-11 ... W Carson —
602 (4) HAY YUEN (P Evans (London)) P Kelleway 8-11 ... A Munro —
603 (3) HONEY SNUGFIT (A Greenwood) J Berry 8-11 ... Pat Eddery —
604 (2) NELLIE DEAN (A Morrison) J Toller 8-11 ... Jalid Houston (7) —
605 (1) THAT'LL BE THE DAY (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 ... B Raymond —
606 (6) WALK THAT WALK (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11 ... M Roberts —

BETTING: 5-2 Honey Snugfit, 11-4 Walk That Walk, 7-2 That'll Be The Day, 5-1 Nellie Dean, 10-1 Daily Sport Girl, 16-1 Hay Yuen.

1990: MARIA CAPPUCCINI 8-11 L Dettori (100-30) R Boss 6 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	57	408	23.8	S Cauthen	121	621	19.5
M Stoute	67	367	18.3	W Carson	90	616	14.6
L Cumani	64	369	17.3	W R Swinburn	69	484	14.3
J Gosden	7	49	14.3	Pat Eddery	83	582	14.3
A Scott	9	65	13.8	R Cochrane	64	524	12.2
G Harwood	37	287	12.9	L Dettori	22	183	12.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

Day stands by for Bog Trotter

NIGEL Day will ride Bog Trotter in the Singer & Friedlander Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday should Lester Piggott switch to Ireland.

Piggott was expected to take the ride on the Guineas outsider for his son-in-law William Haggas but the former champion is now likely to ride two horses for Vincent O'Brien, including Legal Profession in the Leopardstown 2,000 Guineas Trial. Haggas said: "It all depends on the ground in Ireland. If it is too soft for the O'Brien horses then Lester will ride Bog Trotter. If not, Nigel will take over."

Day rode Bog Trotter in three of his four races last season, including when he won the Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes and finished runner-up in the Dewhurst Stakes.

PONTEFRACT

MANDARIN

2.45 Paris House. 3.15 Goodbye Maggie. 3.45 Cosmic Dancer. 4.15 Duckington. 4.45 Fight To Win. 5.15 Welsh Secret. 5.45 Glance Of Gold.

THUNDERER

2.45 Paris House. 3.15 Super Spacemate. 3.45 Emeritus. 4.15 Duckington. 4.45 Al Mutahm. 5.15 Welsh Secret. 5.45 Glance Of Gold.

Michael Seely: 5.45 Glance Of Gold.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.45 STRAWBERRY HILL AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,003: 5f) (9 runners)

1 11 PARIS HOUSE 7 (D,S) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 2
2 TENDER MONARCH P Bevan 8-8 ... G Bardwell 5
3 BRAMBLES WAY Mrs G Reveley 8-6 ... J Lowe 4
4 COASTAL EXPRESS E Weymes 8-5 ... A Culhane 7
5 6 JOE FROM MONACO 12 G Lewis 8-2 ... R Hills 9
6 THORNTON GATE M H Easterby 8-1 ... M Birch 3
7 0 APPLE 12 W Holden 8-0 ... B Russell (7) 1
8 TRUEBOURNE R Guest 8-0 ... G Duffield 6
9 6 MALANINKSHEA 16 B Palling 7-10 ... T Williams 8

4-9 Paris House, 5-1 Joe from Monaco, 7-1 Thornton Gate, 16-1 Malaninkshea, 20-1 Apple, Truebourne, 25-1 others.

3.15 OSSETT SELLING STAKES (£2,955: 1m) (22)

1 0-00 COLIN SELLER 8 (B,F) P Blockley 4-9-7 ... S Keightley 22
2 20-0 FACILITY LETTER 6 (C,G) G Moore 4-9-7. S Webster 18
3 0050 SHERJAMAL 54 (F) B Curley 4-9-7 ... T D'Arcy (7) 6
4 00-0 DAZLA 39 (S) P Burgoyne 4-9-2 ... M Wigham 14
5 050- DRUM SERGEANT 135 J Parkes 4-9-2 ... N Day 7
6 0-00 LIKE A PRAYER 6 J Parkes 4-9-2 ... D Smith (5) 21
7 -000 MARANDSA 32 (F) K McCauley 4-9-2 ... J Lowe 11
8 4-30 RUPPLES 5 (B) M Ryan 4-9-2 ... G Carter 1
9 33-R STRADBROKE 15 M James 4-9-2 ... A Proud 3
10 033- YOUNG INDIA 11J (BF,F,G) D Burchell 4-9-2 ... R Price (5) 17
11 400- BAND OF HOPE 32J W Clay 4-8-11 ... S Perks 15
12 304/ ROME DE THEBES 535 M Tompkins 4-8-11 ... R Hills 5
13 1-00 LONG FURLONG 15 (B,F) D Janney 3-8-8. G Bardwell 12
14 00-0 DAAZAM 21 (B,G) Ronald Thompson 3-8-1 ... R P Elliott 2
15 3-23 KIND STYLE 28 R Hollinshead 3-8-1 ... A Garth (7) 9
16 5-00 RICHMOND 5 (F) J Wainwright 3-8-1 ... G Parkin (7) 8
17 045- STARCHYS IMAGE 183 B Palling 3-8-1 ... A McGlone 13
18 24-0 SUPER SPACEMATE 9 J Berry 3-8-1 ... J Carroll 20
19 000- CHANCE REPORT 169 F Lee 3-7-10 ... P Hill 4
20 02 GOODBYE MAGGIE 15 M Fetherston-Godley 3-7-10 ... Dale Gibson 18
21 0-45 TROUBLEWITHJACK 85 W Carter 3-7-10.. T Williams 15
22 TRUE TO KEEP J Bethell 3-7-10 ... S Dawson 19

5-1 Goodbye Maggie, 9-2 Kind Style, 5-1 Drum Sergeant, Sherjamal, 8-1 Super Spacemate, 10-1 Starchys Image, 14-1 others.

3.45 DAVID SCOTT PATTERN MAKERS HANDICAP (£4,077: 2m 1f) (15)

1 222- APACHE PRINCE 174 (BF,F,G) D Morley 4-10-0 R Hills 1
2 2042 TAROUDANT 5 R Hollinshead 4-8-12 ... S Perks 4
3 06-3 PEARL RUN 16 (F,G,S) E Alston 10-8-12 ... A Shoults 10
4 210/ BALLYMORE PARK 23J (B,BF,G) M Hammond 6-8-10 ... J Carroll 8
5 -433 OLD HUBERT 26 (F,G,S) A Bailey 10-8-8 ... G Carter 14
6 21-0 EMERITUS 28 (G) W Bentley 4-8-7 ... J Lowe 3
7 0-00 ANGELICA PARK 16 (F) J Wharton 5-8-6 ... M Birch 9
8 10-2 COSMIC DANCER 51J (F) A Hide 4-8-5 ... A Clark 6
9 06-0 WAKE UP 7 (BF,F,G) R O'Leary 4-8-2 ... G Duffield 11
10 10-0 GAY RUFFIAN 32J (S) O Burchell 5-8-1 ... R Price (5) 5
11 5234 LAFKADIO 18J M Chapman 4-7-9 ... S Wood (3) 2
12 64-4 BEAN BOY 96 (F,S) M H Easterby 13-7-7 ... — 13
13 64/0 COLONEL POPSKI 5 (B) Miss G Rees 9-7-7 M A Giles 15
14 0/52 COSMIC RAY 9 Mrs V Aconley 6-7-7 ... P Hill 7
15 0-06 MILL DE LEASE 16 (F) J Dooler 8-7-7 ... R Street 12

5-1 Old Hubert, 6-1 Pearl Run, 7-1 Taroudant, 8-1 Cosmic Dancer, Gay Ruffian, 10-1 Apache Prince, Lafkadio, 12-1 others.

4.15 ST GILES HANDICAP (£4,737: 6f) (15)

1 050- SWISS AFFAIR 301 (F) A Scott 4-10-0. N Gwilliams (5) 1
2 -322 CRAFT EXPRESS 99 (D,G) M Johnston 5-9-5 R P Elliott 2
3 300- FINAL ACE 173 (C,F) J Etherington 4-9-3 ... G Duffield 9
4 00-6 DUCKINGTON 5 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 7-9-2 ... M Birch 3
5 1-45 EL ARAB 9 (V,CD,F) E Alston 4-8-12 ... S Webster 8
6 000- LUNA BID 172 (D,F,G,S) M Blanshard 8-8-10 G Baxter 5
7 40/R CATHERINES WELL 5 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-8-10 ... — 10
8 3050 YOUNG SHADOWFAX 18 (D,F) C Allen 4-8-10 ... G Bardwell 5
9 -501 NORDIC BRAVE 5 (CD,F,G) M Brittain 5-8-8 (6ex) ... M Wigham 11
10 606- KORACLE BAY 200 (D,F) C Wall 4-8-6 ... N Day 13
11 0505 PLEASANT EXHIBIT 11 (B,F) J Bethell 4-8-5 ... R Hills 7
12 1133 SILLY'S BROTHER 21 (D) N Bycroft 5-8-0... G Carter 15
13 20-6 OUR FAN 8 (CD,F,S) J Berry 5-7-10 ... T Williams 4
14 508- AL-TORFANAN 197 (D,F,G) M Chapman 7-7-7 ... S Wood (3) 12
15 06-2 SPANISH HARLEM 14 (D,BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-7-7 ... J Lowe 14

9-2 Spanish Harlem, 5-1 Silly's Brother, 7-1 Craft Express, 8-1 Duckington, Our Fan, 12-1 El Arab, Nordic Brave, 14-1 others.

4.45 LADY BALK MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,954: 1m 2f) (12)

1 AL MUTAHM A Stewart 9-0 ... R Hills 12
2 0- BEAUCROFT 189 J Glover 9-0 ... R Berry (7) 1
3 0 BEY D'AO 13 C Cyzer 9-0 ... A Clark 10
4 CASTLE CAVALIER Lady Herries 9-0 ... G Foster 2
5 DORADUS (B) D Morley 9-0 ... S Keightley 5
6 0- FIGHT TO WIN 196 I Balding 9-0 ... B O'Gorman (5) 9
7 0- MOUKTARPOUR 169 C Wall 9-0 ... N Day 8
8 00 TROJAN ENVOY 8 W Carter 9-0 ... T Williams 3
9 0 AUNTIE NELLIE 9 C Tinkler 8-9 ... M Birch 11
10 GAI BULGA G Wragg 8-9 ... G Carter 7
11 QUALITAIR RHYTHM J Bottomley 8-9 .. N Kennedy (5) 4
12 TONY'S FUTURE G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 ... W Hood 6

7-4 Al Mutahm, 9-4 Gai Bulga, 4-1 Fight To Win, 7-1 Mouktarpour, 12-1 Doradus, 20-1 others.

5.15 GARFORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,976: 5f) (12)

1 401- ABSALOUI 175 (D,S) W G M Turner 9-7 ... T Sprake (5) 3
2 000- MOSTIMUS 133 (CD,F) G Oldroyd 9-7 ... B McGill 7
3 304- GREETLAND ROCK 185 (D,F) J Berry 9-7 ... S Haworth (7) 4
4 500- BEE HIVE HILL 165 (D,F) Ronald Thompson 9-6 ... R P Elliott 5
5 640- GRACELAND LADY 222 (D,G) M H Easterby 9-1 ... M Birch 2
6 1-00 TRAVELLING BLUES 16 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... M McAndrew 1
7 033- COLWAY ANN 188 A Stringer 8-8 ... J Carroll 10
8 00-0 ZONINA 16 R Hannon 8-8 ... A McGlone 12
9 000- SUPREME DESIRE 188 D Garrton 8-7 ... S Webster 6
10 20-4 WELSH SECRET 21 Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 ... Dean McKeown 9
11 06-6 PROUD BRIGADIER 20 W Carter 8-4 ... T Williams 8
12 60-2 BARBARA'S CUTIE 22 M Blanshard 8-4 ... G Baxter 11

3-1 Welsh Secret, 9-2 Barbara's Cutie, 5-1 Greetland Rock, Proud Brigadier, 8-1 Absalous, 12-1 Colway Ann, 14-1 Zonina, 16-1 others.

5.45 LADY BALK MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,929: 1m 2f) (11)

1 04-4 COOL PARADE 22 (BF) S Norton 9-0 ... J Carroll 8
2 50- DEPOSKI 181 M Stoute 9-0 ... P D'Arcy 11
3 3- GLANCE OF GOLD 305 (BF) G Harwood 9-0 ... R Cochrane 5
4 50- GOLDEN GUNNER 221 M Tompkins 9-0 ... R Hills 4
5 5- HIDDEN COVE 172 I Balding 9-0 ... S O'Gorman (5) 7
6 JACK'S CROFT Lord Huntingdon 9-0.. Dean McKeown 3
7 0- RAJAYA 166 A Scott 9-0 ... G Baxter 10
8 WESTCROFT R Whitaker 9-0 ... A Culhane 1
9 0- BRIGGSMAID 195 J Eustace 8-9 ... G Duffield 9
10 00- KELLY'S KITE 177 H Coll

Australians ill at ease on a pitch of uneven bounce

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN BRIDGETOWN

THE Australians were none too keen to have to bat a second time in their match against the West Indian Board XI here yesterday, and it was beginning to look, as the afternoon wore on, that they would not have to. With no more than 50 overs left the Board XI were 108 for four in their second innings, having gained a first-innings lead of 138.

The ball was coming through at such uneven heights that it would have been well worth their while to get the Australians in again; but declarations of this kind are not an integral part of the game here in the way they are in England, and Best, the Board's captain, looked to be thinking as much of his own future as of the future of the match.

If the pitch for Friday's fourth Test plays as this one has, the chances are there will be a result. That is if the weather allows it. The rain, unfortunately, has lessened the prospects of a fast pitch, but it should still have more to it than those at Georgetown and Port of Spain. As for the weather, the satellite shows a clear enough Atlantic, but it has been doing that even through the last unsettled week.

The Australians lost their last four first-innings wickets yesterday morning for 11 runs in 46 balls. Of the batsmen they have on the tour, only Border was not playing; but apart from Mark Taylor none of them was in the least convincing. When Veletta, a free scorer for Western Australia (only Graeme Wood and John Inverarity have ever made more runs for them), was caught at the wicket, he had had his head down for 71 balls for his 14. It was hard going against young bowlers prepared to bend their backs.

Anthony and Allen each finished with four wickets, and there was nothing to choose between them. If Allen gets picked for the tour of England it will be because it has been felt for some time that his method might be particularly suited to the conditions there. He is not typical of the modern West Indian bowler, being neither very tall nor very fast. But he is strong and was fortunate here to find a pitch of uncertain bounce.

Reid soon found this to his advantage too, when the Board XI batted again. With a pair of shooters in his third over he bowled Lambert and had Simmons leg-before, two batsmen who had scored 194 between them on the first day of the match without an awful lot of trouble. It seemed not to occur to Hughes, at the other end to Reid, that there was something to be said for pitching the ball up more often than not. His intention appeared to be to force Best and Lara to send for their helmets, and in this he was successful.

Keith Arthurton who has played in five Test matches for West Indies, was found to be using a bat that was four-and-a-half inches wide, a quarter-of-an-inch beyond the legal limit.

The Australians, thinkng the blade looked suspiciously wide, asked the umpires to get it measured. When this was done, with the help of a pair of calipers, by Lloyd Barker, a local Test umpire not officiating in this game, the discrepancy was established. Even so, the bat was returned to Arthurton, who continued his innings with it until being leg-before to Alderman a few overs later.

WEST INDIES BOARD XI: First Innings 345 for 8 dec (P V Simmons 122, C B Lambert 72, B C Lara 56).

Second Innings

C B Lambert b Reid	12
*C A Best not out	32
P V Simmons lbw b Reid	0
B C Lara b Alderman	35
K L T Arthurton lbw b Alderman	19
J C Adams not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 3)	9
Total (4 wkts)	108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-16, 3-82, 4-108.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

*G R Marsh c Williams b Anthony	26
M A Taylor c sub b Cummins	92
D C Boon c Adams b Anthony	9
D M Jones lbw b Allen	20
S R Waugh c Williams b Allen	1
M E Waugh c Cummins b Moseley	4
†M R J Veletta c Williams b Anthony	14
P L Taylor b Allen	11
M G Hughes c Moseley b Allen	5
T M Alderman not out	0
B A Reid c sub b Anthony	1
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 3, nb 14)	24
Total	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-75, 3-139, 4-141, 5-150, 6-176, 7-198, 8-204, 9-205.

BOWLING: Cummins 18-4-43-1 (nb 2); Allen 18-3-51-4 (nb 5); Moseley 17-0-87-1 (w 2, nb 7); Anthony 20.4-5-53-4 (w 1); Simmons 4-0-13-0; Best 1-0-3-0.

Umpires: D Holder and S Lewis.

☐ India's cricket authorities have given up hope of reviving a tour by Pakistan postponed in December because of Hindu-Muslim violence.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, the Board of Control for Cricket in India secretary, said he had not received any concrete Pakistan proposal for a series in India although newspapers reported Pakistani interest in playing a short series this year. "Despite our keenness to revive the ill-fated tour it would not be possible to accommodate a series in near future," he said.

The Pakistan tour of India was put off because of violence over an attempt by militant Hindus to build a temple in Ayodhya.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Arctic-cold welcome: Hick, making his debut as an English cricketer at Lord's yesterday, keeps slip for MCC against Middlesex. Report, page 42

BOXING

Foreman ushers in the new age of the old order

From SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, ATLANTIC CITY

THE time has come to bring out the shovel, either to bury a romantic notion or to start digging up the foundations of received thinking. Ever since George Foreman started his comeback, four years ago, his critics have either laughed at him or thought he was off his big bald head, or felt serious concern for his health.

A boxing ring was no place for a 42-year-old preacher with a girth of 43 inches, never mind trying to take the world heavyweight championship from Evander Holyfield, a man 14 years younger, in the "Battle of the Ages" here on Friday.

Holyfield was five years old when Foreman won the Olympic title in 1968; he was nine when the big man took the world title from Joe Frazier in 1972; Holyfield was 14 when Foreman retired in 1977. Today, at 28, Holyfield is in the best shape of his life; Foreman is old and flabby.

Trying to come back after an absence of ten years was a little bit like going over Niagara Falls in a barrel or being fired from a cannon across the Grand Canyon. It might have been best for the man of God to heed the words of the late Sonny Liston: "Ain't hardly no archbishops be heavyweight champion".

So has Foreman been having a joke on everybody, or is it simply a money-making ramp? To Archie Moore, Foreman's 70-year-old trainer, his man is a genuine contender. He believes Foreman is not only capable of beating Holyfield, but Tyson as well.

"Tyson will come to George like a bulldog," Moore says. "It won't be a long fight. I'm not going to reveal how he will beat him, but when you want to shoot a guy you don't call him up on the phone and tell him what's on your mind. You just call him up and make a date."

Whether or not Foreman succeeds against Holyfield, it is difficult to question his credentials. As Moore said in 1989: "Michael Dokes fought Crabtree and Sekorski, both of whom George knocked out. These are tough guys when Dokes fights them, burns when it's George's turn."

Dave Jaco, knocked out in one round by Foreman, was called another "bum", but Foreman's critics appear to have forgotten that Jaco beat Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, who only the other day met Tyson.

Zouski, Jaco and another Foreman victim, Mark Young, were considered good enough for Tyson. Two others, Gerry Cooney and Bert Cooper, whom Foreman defeated in three rounds and two rounds respectively, challenged Michael Spinks.

Foreman, who had been called one of the greatest publicity men of all time by his own promoter, Bob Arum (who is jointly promoting this show with Holyfield's backers, Dan and Lou Duva and Donald Trump), has sold the contest single-handed.

With tickets ranging from $1,000 ringside to $100 up by the rafters, or rather girders, of the 19,000-capacity Convention Center, the show is expected to be a sellout. Total receipts are expected to more than $60 million. Holyfield will receive $25 million and Foreman $15 million.

Foreman has capitalised on his age and weight in selling the show. "When I decided to make a comeback, I looked in the mirror and said, 'I'm a big man, I *am* a big man'. I actually grew since I quit the ring. I grew an inch in height and my feet got bigger. So I looked in the mirror and thought, 'I may not look good but I'm gonna do good'.

"I want to be big. I like being big. I want people to say that Big George Foreman is a big, big man.

"It's a whole new age. You are going to see all kinds of athletes playing into their forties and fifties. When a guy gets to be a heavyweight champion of the world at 40, 50, 60 or 70, you are saying something about the condition of the planet. It's progress. The senior citizens are taking over. It's dangerous for kids to walk the streets."

According to Foreman, this is not a comeback but a resurrection. He maintains he fell into a deeper hole than the Grand Canyon after his defeat by Jimmy Young in 1977.

He died in his steamy dressing-room in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and God pulled him out of the depths to do His work.

Foreman was so frightened that he tried to buy his way out of the deal by offering to pay money to charity, but "God said, 'I don't want your money, I want George Foreman. I want you'."

When he started on the road back in 1986, he said: "I am going to take my time. I am not looking for a quick title shot. I am going to work my way up like any other kid starting out."

Those who saw the big man take his first zombie-like steps against one Steve Zouski in Sacramento in 1987 and then, 22 victories (21 knockouts) later, skip across the ring to demolish Adilson Rodrigues, of Brazil, in two rounds in Las Vegas last year, were sure Big George was "for real".

McCreath poses a cheeky challenge

By BRYAN STILES

SOME would claim that if you are in boxing and Mickey Duff does not know you, you may not be worth knowing. Duff's skill as a matchmaker *extraordinaire* is built on knowing the quality of any opponent his boxers are likely to meet. He had never heard of Mark McCreath until he was nominated to challenge his man, Pat Barrett, for his European light-welterweight title.

The show is tonight at the Albert Hall and Duff had not set eyes on McCreath before his arrival in London last week to help publicise his cheeky challenge — cheeky because he has had only ten bouts, losing the last one when he tried to take the Belgian welterweight title. And there lies the key to the McCreath mystery. He is a British boxer, with a Belgian licence, who has never fought professionally in Britain.

He was born in Yorkshire, lives in Lincoln, but because his trainer and manager had good connections on the Continent, he took out a licence there, realising he would rise more quickly to the top in Europe.

McCreath's reasoning can hardly be faulted. After just two years as a professional and only a handful of bouts, he has risen to seventh in the European rankings and was delighted to step in as a late substitute when Barrett's original opponent, Tek Nkalankete, was withdrawn by the European Boxing Union because his last bout was too long ago.

Substitutes have a habit of causing upsets, but Barrett is sure he can cope with such an inexperienced opponent, even though McCreath had a fine amateur record, winning the Amateur Boxing Association welterweight title in 1988, and defeating Richie Woodhall, an Olympic medal winner.

The champion, from Manchester, is determined he will not be distracted by such an upstart from his ambition to have a crack at a world title soon. It will be Barrett's fifth championship contest at either British or European level.

Bruno has operation

FRANK Bruno yesterday had a successful operation to repair the retina of his right eye, torn, it is believed, during his world heavyweight clash with Mike Tyson more than two years ago.

As Bruno recovered in a private room at the Manchester Royal Eye hospital, a spokesman said: "All has gone well." Little risk is involved in repairing a retina and the outcome is normally completely successful, but Professor David McLeod, who did the operation, has urged Bruno to abandon his ring career because of the risk of future damage.

Bruno has refused to rule out a return to the ring after a two-year absence despite money-spinning personal appearances and a career in pantomime since his last bout. He discovered in the gym recently that he has the appetite for a comeback.

The Oval wears a new look

SURREY are still hoping that the Queen will be able to open the Ken Barrington Centre at the Oval this summer, in spite of having had to cancel her visit last year (Ivo Tennant writes).

The centre is expected to be ready for use by the beginning of June. The methane gas which was found trapped under the floor was removed during the winter.

The Queen was due to have opened the centre last August. Surrey said yesterday that they hoped she would visit the Oval in July.

☐ Warwickshire have announced plans for a multi-million pound scheme to raise the capacity at Edgbaston by 5,000 to 23,500.

☐ Tetleys, the brewers, are renewing a three-year sponsorship with Yorkshire worth £300,000.

Honours for freshmen

By JACK BAILEY

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Hampshire

OXFORD University's freshmen stole the honours on a bitterly cold day when Hampshire were kept in the field throughout and were denied the innings victory which had beckoned overnight.

It was largely a tale of a Scotsman, a South African and an Australian, for Montgomerie's 88, Pfaff's half-century and a lesser but valuable innings from Lovell, which helped fashion a three-figure stand with Montgomerie, formed the cornerstone of Oxford's effort.

Montgomerie's innings, which spanned just longer than five hours, will not only have given reassurance to Oxford for the campaign that lies ahead. There will be rejoicing also at Rugby School, where his father is second master and whence he launched himself as a promising cricketer, international hockey player and public schools rackets champion. There is little of the archetypal rackets technique about his play. A solid forward defensive stroke is the foundation for a style which relies invariably on the orthodox and a reservoir of concentration.

Pfaff is a left-handed stroke-player of talent. He had boosted Oxford's first innings with fine forcing shots and, when Bakker had dismissed Montgomerie and Morris with successive balls, Pfaff's riposte was to hit him four times to the boundary in an over.

Pfaff was rightly displeased with the stroke which got him out and exposed the fragile Oxford tail to 12 tantalising overs before they were safe. A promising career lies ahead.

Encouraged by Sandiford's early exit at 19 for two, Hampshire paid Oxford the compliment of striving hard throughout.

The regular bowlers were given a thorough workout, with James in a pivotal role as Montgomerie and Lovell defied them all until well into the afternoon. Bakker's breakthrough brought back the scent of a victory which had all but blown away in the icy wind, only for them to be denied at the last by Pfaff and Macdonald.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First innings 147 (R J Maru 4 for 17).

Second Innings

R Montgomerie lbw b Bakker	88
C Gupta b Connor	0
†D Sandiford b Connor	10
G Lovell c Maru b Ayling	41
*G J Turner c Aymes b James	11
D Pfaff lbw b Maru	50
R E Morris lbw b Bakker	0
M Russell c James b Maru	0
H Davies not out	19
R Macdonald not out	5
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 3)	14
Total (8 wkts)	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 2-19, 3-122, 4-145, 5-171, 6-171, 7-172, 8-225.

BOWLING: Ayling 14-2-43-0; Connor 18-5-38-2; James 14-6-33-1; Bakker 18-6-42-2; Ayling 13-8-24-1; Maru 29-9-47-2.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 369 for 4 dec (C L Smith 200, J R Ayling 62 not out, A N Aymes 52 not out).

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R C Tolchard.

An inexperienced attack exploited

FENNER'S (Cambridge University won toss: first day of three): Cambridge University, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 381 runs behind Northamptonshire

RICHARD Williams and David Capel both collected centuries as Northamptonshire exploited Cambridge University's inexperienced attack yesterday.

Williams reached three figures for the first time in three seasons, hitting a six and 14 fours in a 176-minute innings of 149 deliveries.

Capel was more dominant, needing only 84 balls to reach his 100 with a six and 17 fours.

Alan Fordham might also have started the season with a century after racing to 81 in 77 minutes, but skied a catch to mid-wicket.

Kevin Curran, a new recruit, was able to pick up 70, enabling the declaration total of 404 for five to be reached at better than five runs an over.

Still the problems did not end for Cambridge, who lost both openers and one of their night-watchmen in the final hour to reach the close at 23 for three.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Weller b Arscott	81
N A Felton c Clitheroe b Weller	12
*R J Bailey c Crawley b Jenkins	21
D J Capel c Crawley b Pearson	100
R G Williams not out	101
K M Curran b Lowrey	79
A L Penberthy not out	2
Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 1)	8
Total (5 wkts dec)	404

†D Ripley, J G Thomas, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-107, 3-139, 4-257, 5-400.

BOWLING: Jenkins 19-3-71-1; Johnson 15.1-2-76-0; Weller 11-1-75-1; Arscott 3-0-26-1; Pearson 24-2-115-1; Lowrey 7-1-34-1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

G W Jones c Ripley b Taylor	5
R I Clitheroe b Cook	6
R H J Jenkins not out	8
R M Pearson b Taylor	0
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts)	23

J P Crawley, *†R J Turner, M J Morris, M J Lowrey, J P Arscott, R B Weller and S W Johnson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-23, 3-23.

Umpires: G I Burgess and M J Kitchen.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Ban on Tuffs removed after appeal

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE two-year ban on Simon Tuffs, the Bradford Northern forward, was lifted at a meeting of the Rugby Football League appeals board yesterday. The three-man board overturned the ban after Tuffs had appeared before them legally represented and with witnesses.

One witness admitted putting amphetamine in Tuffs's drink on Christmas Eve, and the others corroborated his story.

The removal of the two-year ban means that in four years, and after more than 500 tests, no player has been found guilty of knowingly taking a forbidden substance.

☐ Ryedale York have been told to play their premiership tie with Leigh on Sunday as scheduled. They had wanted Friday, but Leigh objected. The match will now be on a neutral ground.

☐ The League's 35 professional clubs meet today in Leeds to vote on proposals to introduce a third division following the admission of Scarborough.

RUGBY UNION

Slemen switches allegiance

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Slemen, the former England and British Isles wing, is to finish coaching Liverpool St Helens this season to concentrate on helping England's preparations for the World Cup.

He will assist Geoff Cooke with the England backs, while Richard Best, his coaching colleague with the England B team over the last two years, will help Roger Uttley with the forwards. Uttley, as senior coach, and Best will also be with England during their tour to Australia and Fiji this summer.

Slemen will remain part of a coaching panel with relegated Liverpool St Helens, and will help with individual clinics, but the main coaching role will go to Terry Morris, the former Lancashire scrum half. He will be helped by Tosh Askew, who has returned to the club after spending a year in Canada.

Will Carling, the England captain, who suffered severe bruising playing for Harlequins against Bristol at the end of last month, returns to action on Saturday when Harlequins play Rosslyn Park. It is a friendly fixture but Harlequins, who play in the Pilkington Cup final on May 4, take the chance to field a full-strength XV, save for the absent Troy Coker, whose place at second row goes to Mark Russell.

The Rugby Football Union's competitions sub-committee is to review the case of Russell to determine whether he is required to serve the full period of two years before no longer being classified an overseas player. He holds a British passport, but was born in Kenya when his parents were on secondment there; he went to school in England, but attended the University of Cape Town before returning to England last year.

Under the existing regulations he is qualified to play for England, but no English club may play more than one overseas player in league or cup matches. "We have asked for the regulation to be looked at because, to all intents and purposes, he is English," Colin Herridge, the Harlequins secretary, said.

"In general the regulations are pretty fair, but we do see this specific case as something of an anomaly." The situation is made more curious since Coker is seeking a place in the Australian national side but, because he has been living in England for more than two years while at Oxford University, is not deemed an overseas player by the regulations.

Russell's case will be discussed by the competitions sub-committee on May 16, but one change for next season already seems likely, to cope with the vagaries of the British weather.

Hitherto, players moving clubs during the season must wait until their new club has played two league matches before becoming eligible to play in the competition.

It is probable that two league "dates" as opposed to "matches" will be written into the regulations so that players do not have to kick their heels when bad weather causes postponments — as Simon Halliday did when joining Harlequins from Bath this season.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League First division

Arsenal v Manchester C (7.45)
C Palace v Tottenham (8.00)
Norwich v Chelsea (7.45)
QPR v Leeds (all ticket, 7.45)

Second division

Ipswich v West Ham (7.45)
Newcastle v Sheffield Wed (7.45)
Oxford United v Plymouth

Fourth division

Blackpool v Cardiff
Hereford v Chesterfield
Lincoln v Scunthorpe (7.45)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Cheltenham
Colchester v Kettering

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Redbridge Forest v Kingstonian (7.45); Wivenhoe v Harrow. Second division north: Edgware v Witham. Second division south: Ruislip Manor v Horsham.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Atherstone (7.45); Chelmsford v Weymouth. Midland division: Alvechurch v Bridgnorth. Southern division: Gosport v Hythe.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Accrington Stanley v Emley; Radcliffe v Curzon Ashton; Rhyl v Altrincham; Winsford v Whitley Bay.

SASS NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen v Prescot; Knowsley v St Helens; Leyland DAF v Bootle.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Spennymoor v North Ferriby; Winterton v Brigg. League Cup: Ossett Town v Guiseley.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dawlish v Barnstaple; Frome v Tiverton; Weston-super-Mare v Paulton.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Histon v Thetford.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Sheffield Wednesday (7.00); Coventry v Sheffield United (7.00); Huddersfield v Leicester; Sunderland v Liverpool (7.00). Second division: Hull v Barnsley (7.00); Middlesbrough v Bradford (7.00); Notts County v Bolton; Stoke v Port Vale (7.00); Wigan v Preston (7.00); York v Oldham (7.00).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton v Swindon (7.15); Chelsea v Crystal Palace (2.00); Reading v Charlton (2.00).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Crusaders (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bristol v London Irish (7.15); Pontypool v Penarth (7.00); Rugby v Northampton (7.00).

CRICKET

11.30 to 6.30

LORD'S: MCC v Middlesex.

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Northamptonshire.

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan.

OTHER SPORT

SQUASH RACKETS: Hi-Tec British Open (Lambs SC).

NETBALL

New Zealand aim for clean sweep

By LOUISE TAYLOR

TODAY'S final match against New Zealand in Dunedin offers the England team coached by Betty Galsworthy a chance to offer a riposte to the world champions following the 56-29 defeat in Auckland last week and Monday's 57-25 setback in Palmerston.

A small measure of consolation has been achieved by the wins, by 52-35 and 48-33 respectively, against young internationals from the north and south of New Zealand.

Generally, however, England have found few answers to New Zealand's robust approach and accurate passing which has forced uncharacteristic errors from a defence deprived of the services of Sally Young.

One bright spot has been the shooting of Joan Bryan, who scored with 20 of 29 attempts in Palmerston. But Trudy Papafio and Tracey Miller, her fellow goal-shooters, have failed to find the range.

The England players will be home on Friday, in time to attend this weekend's Evian inter-county tournament at Anerley, southeast London, although they will be ineligible to represent their counties, which is bad luck for Bedfordshire, last year's runners-up, who will be forced to field reserves instead of Papafio, Sharon Fogerty, and Kendra Lowe.

Surrey, this year's PES English Counties League champions, will be similarly weakened, but Middlesex, the winners of last year's inter-county tournament, can include Jesslyn Parkes, their England goalkeeper, who missed the trip to New Zealand because of injury.

Some 53 counties and over 1,000 players will be taking part in the tournament at Anerley, where play at senior and under-21 levels will take place on 17 courts.

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Determination the making of a Master

Ian Woosnam, the 1991 US Masters champion, returned to his home in Oswestry yesterday. Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, examines the influences on a man destined to be a major force in the game

IAN Woosnam's success in the 55th Masters here at Augusta National on Sunday was all the more rewarding because he played the last 36 holes alongside Tom Watson.

Woosnam's father, Harold, told his son long ago that to be a winner he would need to think only of himself. And he stressed the point when a young Woosnam came home one day from the course demoralised by the thought that he would never emulate the deeds of Watson.

Harold Woosnam, who farmed at St Martin's, where Shropshire marches with the Welsh border, was always supportive of his son. However, he was at times less than pleased with Ian's attitude.

He was dismayed when Woosnam began to bemoan the fact that Watson was in such a different league that he could not hope for his game to be of a similar standard.

"Why is Tom Watson so different?" Harold enquired. "Has he got three arms or three legs? Don't think about Tom Watson. Think only of Ian Woosnam." The wise counselling was as important to the development of Ian's game as was his own intense determination to succeed.

Indeed, there was the suggestion even in the euphoria of victory that his success was not complete because of the absence of his parents. "My father has always encouraged me and so has my mother, Joan," Woosnam, aged 33, said. "She is very patient, very relaxed. A complete contrast to my father, who is a fiery type of guy. I'm fortunate in that I've inherited the best of both of them."

Woosnam is an aggressive golfer, although he was slow in developing the patience that he required to be resilient in times of pressure, such as existed on Sunday afternoon.

There were times, as a youngster, when his enthusiasm spilled over to such an extent that on more than one occasion he resorted to brawn rather than brain to prove his point.

Yet Harold remained convinced that despite Ian's excitable nature, there was a real chance that his son could succeed. He was determined, too, that Ian should have that opportunity, as he himself had been compelled to relinquish the chance of being a professional boxer to remain a farmer.

"That was how it was in those days," Ian said. "My dad's parents thought it best that he followed the family into farming, which he did without question."

Woosnam senior's loss was Ian's gain. So determined was Harold that Ian should stay on the fairways that he even organised a fund at Llanymynech, the club where Ian first played with a sawn-off set of clubs, so that his son could join the PGA European Tour. Woosnam had to go to the qualifying school three times.

Harold could see so much of himself in the third of his four children that he even sold his herd of cows and switched to cereals so as to have the time to travel and caddie for Ian. They were good times, as Ian recalls, although his desire to win was sometimes diluted by his determination to enjoy life. "They were wild days," Ian said. "I messed around too much and I didn't give myself a chance."

There were times when even his parents must have questioned whether their son had a future in the game. There were certainly moments when they were embarrassed as Ian's short temper caused him to throw or break more than the occasional club.

Then, in 1981, when he was on the brink of quitting the tournament scene to become a club professional, Woosnam learned the lesson with which he would prove that his schoolmaster was wrong to imply he would never make a living from golf. Naturally, the lesson was a little fatherly advice as Woosnam watched Watson win the Masters. Ian could not at that stage visualise surviving on the tour, let alone one day winning the Masters.

Harold, however, was beginning to lose patience, after years of being chauffeur and caddie. He took it on himself to chastise his son for lacking in belief.

That conversation most certainly galvanised Woosnam. Within the year, he was a winner in Europe. He still needed stability, although that came with marriage to Glendryth, then a nurse at St Thomas's Hospital in London. Harold, however, had made his point, and ten years on Ian made his on Sunday at Augusta when, as chance would have it, he found himself playing alongside Watson. All that was missing was his and Glyndreth's parents. "But I'll fetch them along next year," Ian said.

SPORTS POLITICS

Playing fields campaign started

By John Goodbody

THE three main guardians of British sports facilities yesterday launched a joint campaign to counter the sale of playing fields. The plan is to ask central government to amend planning law and policy, and local authorities to continue investing in the provision and maintenance of pitches which will be needed by future generations.

Although the Sports Council, the Central Council of Physical Recreation and the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) are pleased that the government has given £500,000 for a register of recreational land, they want a concerted effort to halt the sale of increasing numbers of Britain's estimated 70,000 playing fields for redevelopment.

The situation has been deteriorating in the last year, with many sites under threat, despite the government's desire for adequate open space in urban areas to be retained.

Professor Allan Patmore, the vice-chairman of the Sports Council, said yesterday that the government should alter the 1988 policy planning guidance note in which the environment department stated that there should always be a "presumption" in favour of allowing development unless there are over-riding reasons to the contrary.

Professor Patmore accepted that exceptions for playing fields should include when the land is being replaced by other recreational sites elsewhere in the locality or when artificial turf is being laid. The strategy recommended the adoption of the national NPFA minimum standard of six acres of playing space per thousand population, with at least three acres set aside for playing pitches.

A particular concern is that with the local management of schools, there is increasing pressure for the sale of playing fields to raise revenue for the development of other areas of education.

FOOTBALL

Arsenal's defiance portends an early end to the course

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

THE League championship race could be reduced to two contenders tonight. No matter how Crystal Palace fare at home to Tottenham Hotspur, they will no longer be in mathematical contention for the title if Arsenal beat Manchester City at Highbury and raise their total of points to 75.

The leaders, who would be eight points clear, would then require only another seven from their remaining four games to be sure of finishing first. Liverpool, by winning all of their last five fixtures, could reach a maximum of 82 points but their goal difference is vastly inferior.

There can be little doubt that Arsenal will claim the principal honour and earn the right to enter the European Cup next season.

If anything, their defeat by Tottenham in the FA Cup semi-final on Sunday has shortened the odds in their favour.

Severe setbacks have stirred their defiant spirit. Neither the deduction of two points, imposed by the Football Association after the brawl at Old Trafford, nor the loss of Adams, their captain, who was imprisoned for three months for drunken driving, has made any difference to their remorseless progress.

Evidence of their response to defeat, though naturally scarce, is equally convincing. Four days after being beaten 6-2 by Manchester United in the Rumbelows Cup, their worst humiliation at Highbury for 70 years, they ended Liverpool's unbeaten League record with an emphatic 3-0 victory.

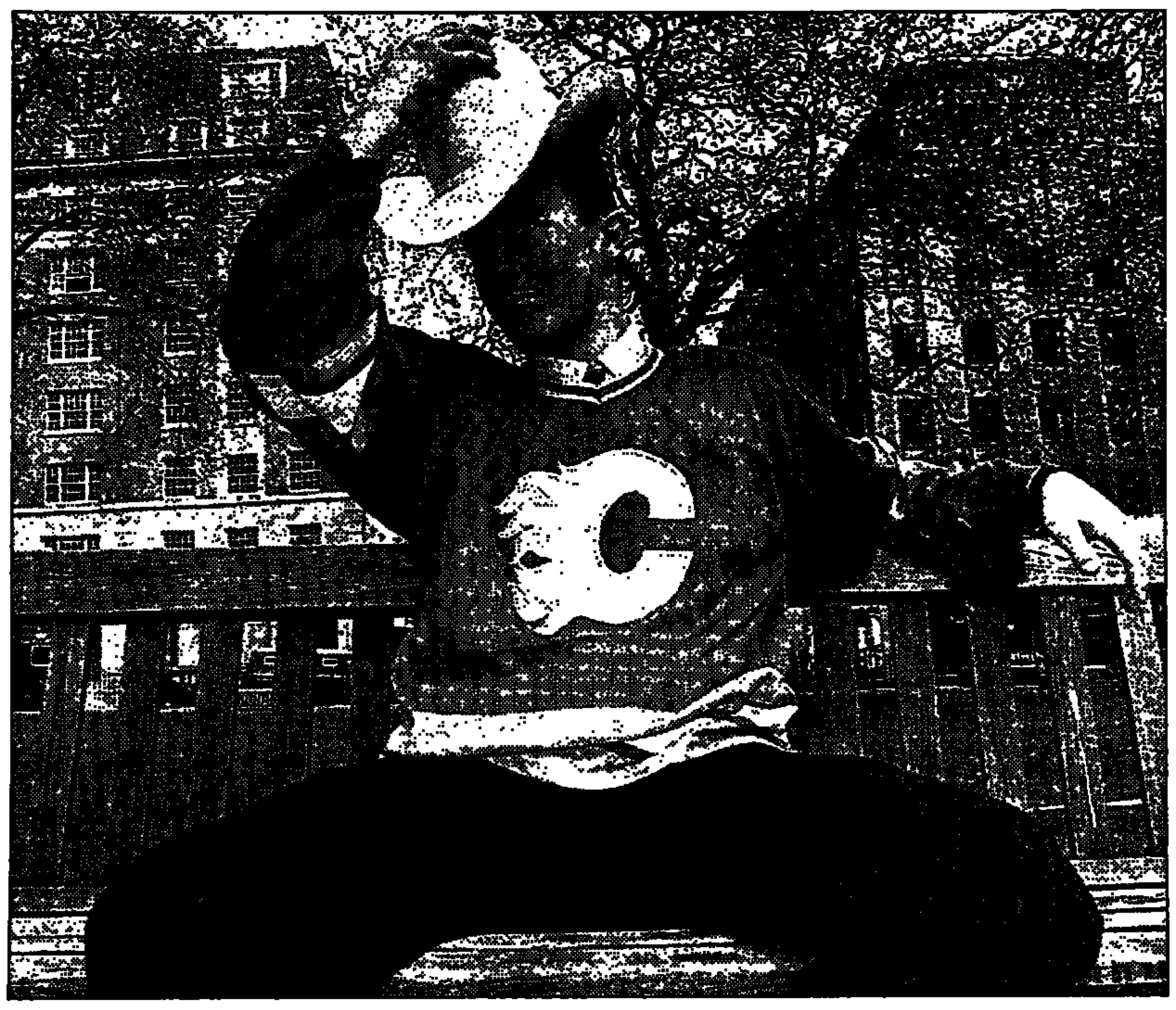
When their own unblemished sequence in the first division was spoiled for the only time this season, at Chelsea ten weeks ago, they resumed by eliminating Leeds United from the FA Cup. Then they overtook Liverpool, and in dropping only six points in nine games have since imposed their authority.

George Graham may choose to counter the threat posed by Quinn, an Arsenal old boy, by employing an additional central defender. Although O'Leary did not feature in the Rumbelows Cup victory over City last October, he did play in the League win at Maine Road on New Year's Day.

While Quinn was at Highbury, he resembled a startled giraffe. Though powerful in the air, he never seemed fully in control of his elongated legs. But he has developed this season into more than a gangly, awkward forward. Moreover, with five goals in three games, he is in form.

At 6ft 4in, Quinn is the focal point of a potent force. City have been held goalless by only five of their 33 opponents, but it is significant that one of the sides they could not penetrate was Arsenal, whose own defence is immeasurably stronger.

Seaman has conceded six League goals at home and only one there this year. Improbably, City must not only beat him but also protect their own goalkeeper, who has maintained a mere four clean sheets, if Palace and Liverpool are to remain in contention.



Stylish skater: Nicky Chinn, of Cardiff Devils, has been voted Ice hockey's Young British Player of the Year (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Chinn, aged 18, a Cardiff-born forward, has been skating for only four years. According to John Lawless, the Cardiff player-coach, his success has been based on a natural ability allied to great determination.

The award, in its sixth year, is jointly sponsored by *Ice Hockey News Review*, the government of Alberta and Canadian Airlines International, and will take Chinn to the training camp of the Calgary Flames for two weeks in September.

Tony Hand, the first winner of the award, turned down an opportunity to stay in Canada and further his playing career, but Chinn said: "If offered the chance to stay there, I would certainly take it."

All the previous winners of the award — Hand, Martin McKay, Ian Cooper, Anthony Johnson and Iain Robertson — have appeared for the senior British team, and Chinn will surely follow in the same tradition. He has already played for the Great Britain under-21 side.

West Ham appeal for Gale

WEST Ham United is to try to force Keith Hackett, the Fifa referee, to reconsider the controversial FA Cup semi-final dismissal of Tony Gale for a professional foul.

They plan to send the Football Association (FA) a video of the incident in an attempt to overturn the verdict and wipe out Gale's automatic three-match suspension.

It was the first sending-off of Gale's career but Hackett has already indicated he will stand by the decision which forced West Ham to play with ten men for all but 26 minutes of their 4-0 defeat by Nottingham Forest.

"I am sorry for the lad but he left me no choice," Hackett said. "I had no doubt the Forest player involved was deprived of a goalscoring opportunity."

An FA official said: "If West Ham send in a video, Hackett will be asked to look at it."

Cardiff City Council yesterday reaffirmed their intention to pursue a petition in the High Court for the winding-up of Cardiff City AFC — the company which owns Cardiff City football club. The hearing is due in London today, with the company contesting the petition.

Marco Gabbiadini, the Sunderland forward, has been given the go-ahead to resume training for the match at Luton on Saturday. The England B international has missed five matches with a strained stomach muscle.

John Bumstead, the 32-year-old Chelsea midfield player, has been given a free transfer after 15 years at Stamford Bridge. Bumstead made 409 appearances for the club, a Chelsea record beaten only by Ron Harris, Peter Bonetti, John Hollins and Eddie McCreadie.

Pass master wins fresh converts

By Louise Taylor

ALL too often, post-match press conferences have seemed an ordeal for Osvaldo Ardiles. Communicating in barely audible whispers, his hands twitching nervously, the little Argentinian frequently left the impression he would rather be elsewhere.

All that changed last Saturday in the afterglow of Ardiles's first win as manager of Newcastle United, a stylish 3-2 victory against Oldham Athletic, who are chasing the second division championship.

Eyes sparkling, he enthused about his radically reshaped team, cracked a couple of jokes, and seemed genuinely disappointed when the questions finally dried up.

And no wonder. By dropping Roy Aitken, the captain, along with several other members of the old guard, and including four players still to see their twentieth birthdays, Ardiles had taken a risk. Yet the gamble paid off in startling fashion.

David Roche and Steve Watson in defence, Gavin Peacock and Lee Clark in midfield, and Andy Hunt in attack, belied their lack of experience with performances of poise and panache.

There has not been much to cheer at St James' Park this season, but this was football to savour. As young legs inevitably tired, Oldham got their two goals in the last 11 minutes. "But the scoreline flattered us," Joe Royle, the visiting manager, said. "We were outclassed in every department. Newcastle have some very, very promising youngsters."

Such sentiments were endorsed by Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, who was once in charge of Newcastle. "The future looks extremely exciting," he said. Ardiles, who has devoted much of his time since arriving at the club from Swindon to watching the youth and reserve teams, said: "They are a touch too young, but I have seen a lot of very good things. There was plenty of movement in our midfield." No doubt he enjoyed seeing the ball threaded through the middle in the diamond-shaped patterns he favours.

Jim Smith, his predecessor, favoured a more direct approach, but the new manager experienced little trouble in encouraging his players to adapt.

"It is the way players love," Ardiles said. "Ask any footballer how he wants to play football and he will tell you this way. We were a bit over-elaborate at times, but the crowd loved it, and so they should, I want to entertain them." He hopes to do so by nurturing plenty of home-grown youngsters, the new Gascoignes, Waddles and Beardsleys, complemented by some carefully selected close-season signings.

"I want first division football here, so anyone who comes will have to be very good," he said. Clearly Ardiles does not think that either Aitken or Mark McGhee come up to scratch, and he has made both Scottish internationals available for transfer, with more of United's ageing squad likely to join them.

"It is not that I am against old players," he said. "After all, I was an old player myself." What Ardiles was too diplomatic to mention was that he was an older player who could pass.

As Kevin Scott, the newly appointed captain, said: "All the new manager talks to us about is football, and he keeps saying pass, pass, pass."

Jahangir rebounds to millions

By Colin McQuillan

THE unexpected return of Jahangir Khan over recent weeks took another twist yesterday at Lambs Club, London, when the Pakistani followed his election as chairman of the International Squash Players' Association (ISPA) with the signing of the first multi-million dollar racket endorsement contract in the history of the sport.

For most of his 12 competitive years, Jahangir, aged 27, carried an Unsquashable racket from the range he launched in partnership with Rahmat Khan, his cousin, coach and mentor.

Now he has split with Rahmat, sold his share of Unsquashable and signed to play the next three years with the new Estusa Stealth racket from the American US Tech company on terms that could yield more than $1 million a year, depending on sales royalties.

It is another chapter in a *comeback story unforeseen* by any in the sport. In October, Jahangir withdrew from the international circuit claiming mental and physical exhaustion. Through the last weeks of 1990 he took a fearful drubbing in the national league and left England for marriage in Karachi nursing a worrying back injury.

All these occurrences had the pundits drawing conclusive lines under the game's finest competitive career, which included six world titles, nine British Open titles and a five-and-a-half-year undefeated run.

Over the past two months, while negotiating with US Tech, however, he has won three important circuit championships, *reached the semi-final* and the final of two others, shed at least 20lb of excess baggage and put himself firmly in the frame for a tenth British Open win from a campaign he starts today as fourth seed.

As Jahangir mixed happily yesterday with his new executive colleagues at Lambs Club, there was a further pleasant development. His expected opponent for today, Jamie Hickox, of Canada, was beaten 9-2, 9-0, 3-9, 9-4 by Damian Walker, of Leicestershire, a young man out to celebrate his own appointment as squash marketing manager for the Dunlop Company.

RESULTS: Men: First round (England unless stated): A Hill (Aus) bt M Cairns, 9-7, 0-9, 0-9, 9-5, 9-6; P Gregory bt C van der Watt (SA), 10-8, 9-5, 9-8; A Hands bt D Meddings, 9-4, 9-4, 9-3; A Adarraga (Sp) bt M Puls (Fin), 9-4, 4-9, 9-5, 9-5; D Campion bt R Owen, 8-10, 9-4, 10-9, 9-1; F Johnson (Swe) bt R Graham, 7-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-6; S Meads bt P Kenyon, 9-3, 9-4, 9-3; Z Jahan (Pak) bt C Walker, 9-4, 10-8, 2-9, 9-10, 9-7; P Whitlock bt D Ryan (Eire), 10-8, 9-8, 9-3; A Schreiber (Aus) bt H Wiens (Ger), 9-0, 9-1, 9-5; U H Khan (Pak) bt M Carlyon (Aus), 8-10, 9-4, 9-1, 9-5; D Walker bt J Hickox (Can), 9-2, 9-0, 3-9, 9-4; P Marshall bt G Ur Rehman (Pak), 9-5, 9-3, 9-2; S Butt (Can) bt G Wilson (NZ), 9-6, 9-6, 9-; P Carter bt J Goodchild (Aus), 10-8, 7-9, 9-7, 9-6; S Parke bt J Nicolle 9-3, 9-6, 9-5.

IN BRIEF

Ginseng cleared

THE ginseng tea which put Linford Christie under a cloud of suspicion at the Seoul Olympics has been officially cleared as drugs free, Michelle Verdier, information director of the International Olympic Committee, disclosed.

Blood tests to detect doping at the Olympic Games are being studied, she also revealed. The present urine analysis may be unable to detect certain drugs.

TABLE TENNIS: Japanese reluctance to issue a visa to Chinese-born Chen Xinhua, selected for England in the world championships at Chiba this month, was finally overcome.

EQUESTRIANISM: David Broome withdrew from next week's Rome international when Countryman went unfit. Nigel Clarke replaces him.

GOLF: The twin left-handers, Anthony and James Wenham, shot twin scores of 80 to help steer Epping Forest College, Essex, to victory in the English final of the Golf Foundation schools team championship at Coventry Hearsall yesterday.

CROQUET: Victory for world champion, Robert Fulford, over the United States No. 1, Jerry Stark, clinched a 12-5 win, and the Solomon Trophy, for Great Britain in Florida.

TENNIS: The former Wimbledon champion, Pat Cash, has been recalled to Australia's squad for the Davis Cup quarter-final against France.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Sponsorship deal will boost schools football

THE future of schools football was bolstered yesterday when British Gas announced a three-year sponsorship, worth £150,000, of the English Schools Football Association (ESFA) Trophy (Louise Taylor writes).

One of British Gas's stipulations was that some of the money would be used for the development of mixed and women's football, a move that was applauded by Robert Atkins, the minister for sport.

Speaking at the Football Association headquarters yesterday, Atkins said: "I am delighted to see the involvement of girls. They have got something to offer football. This sponsorship is crucial because the involvement of schoolchildren provides the basis of the sporting pyramid."

Intended for under-15 teams, the ESFA Trophy originated in 1905, when London beat Sheffield, and each year involves more than 3,000 players competing in divisional, regional and national rounds, before a two-legged final on Football League grounds in the finalists' home towns. Past participants include Sir Stanley Matthews (Hanley), Sir Alf Ramsey (Dagenham), Duncan Edwards (Dudley), Johnny Haynes (Edmonton), Bobby Charlton (East Northumberland), Len Shackleton (Bradford) and Bobby Moore (Leyton).

RUGBY UNION

Play-off debate likely

THE Rugby Football Union's competition sub-committee is prepared to look carefully at introducing play-offs between the bottom two and top two clubs in the Courage Clubs Championship first and second divisions (Peter Bills writes).

The idea, suggested by Derek Nutt, the Moseley coach, has already been discussed by officials of the sub-committee, and backing for Nutt's view came yesterday from its chairman, Bill Bishop. "He seems to make a very valid point about the gap [in strength] which exists," Bishop said.

"We considered the idea of play-offs four years ago when we first got down to arranging leagues. It was felt that there would be too much of a fixture congestion at the end of the season to permit such a system. But I have to say experience has shown that there are these gaps, and I think this idea would have much more consideration now and might come in to being."

Bishop said that the committee would discuss the matter "seriously" if it received a formal notification from a club.

Understandably, Moseley's idea is not greeted with universal delight by the leading clubs in the second division. Rugby was just one to voice disapproval yesterday.

Wright and Saunders put on sale

ROBERT Maxwell, the Derby County chairman, has confirmed that Mark Wright and Dean Saunders are to leave the relegation-threatened club.

In an interview with BBC East Midlands Today, the millionaire publisher admitted that Derby's leading players will be sold.

Maxwell said: "For the sake of their careers, they will no doubt be sold to clubs which can afford them — those with gates sufficient to pay their wages. Derby has not got those gates."

Asked if Wright, the England centre back, and Saunders, the Wales forward, would be sold, Maxwell replied: "Absolutely."

The news confirms the worst fears of the Derby supporters but will alert a host of leading clubs in a chase for the signatures of two of the most highly rated players in domestic football. Wright has been linked with a £2 million-plus move to Liverpool, while Saunders is reportedly interesting Arsenal, Leeds United and several leading continental sides.

Maxwell went on to predict further gloom for the club by adding: "With gates of 14,000 and 15,000, there isn't a chance of staying even in the second division let alone the first."

He said the club was for sale to what he described as "a responsible person who will secure its future", but he refused to say whether it would still cost £8 million — the price he put on the club when it went up for sale in September.

☐ Poland have called up nine expatriate players for their European championship qualifying match against Turkey in Warsaw today.

Turkey, who are bottom of group seven, which also includes England and the Republic of Ireland, are unlikely to pose much of a problem, but Poland are taking taking no chances. "We cannot afford to take them lightly," Andrzej Strejlau, the Poland coach, said.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Tottenham 3, West Ham 0.

Late results on Monday

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Port Vale 0, Barnsley 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Fisher 1, Merthyr Tydfil 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield United 2, Wolves 1. Second division: Bradford City 1, Grimsby 2; Oldham 0, Bolton 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Emley 5, Caernarfon 1; Whitley Bay 6, Radcliffe 0.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Final: Southend 1, Leyton Orient 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Floodlight Trophy: Ashton 2, Knowsley 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Millwall 2, West Ham 0 (agg 4-1).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Burnham 2, Hastings Town 1. Midland division: Sutton Coldfield 4, Hinckley 1. Larchimage Windows Cup: Final, first leg: Chelmsford 2, Hythe 1.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis 0, Leyton-Wingate 0; Windsor and Eton 1, Redbridge Forest 2. First division: Croydon 0, Molesey 3; Harlow 3, Bromley 0. Second division north: Purfleet 2, Berton 2; Stevenage 2, Ware 0. Second division south: Ruislip Manor 2, Maidenhead United 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Adidas county championship: West Midlands 5, Lincolnshire 1.

BOXING

BLACKPOOL: George Wimpey ABA British semi-finals (England v Scotland, English names first): Light-flyweight: D Fifield (Henley) lost to A Mooney (Sighthill St, Glasgow), pts. Fly: P Ingle (Scarborough) bt N Armstrong (Paisley), pts. Bantam: M Alldis (Crawley) lost to D Hardie (Gallow Gate, Glasgow), pts. Feather: M Bowers (Pinewood Star, Reading) lo I McLeod (Springside, Glasgow), 3rd rnd. Light: P Gallagher (Angel, London) bt A McDowell (Gallowgate, Glasgow), pts. Light-welter: G Smith (Canvey Island) bt I Black (Blantyre), rsc 2nd rnd. Welter: T French (Royal Navy) bt A Craig (Aberdeen), pts. Light-middle: L Ferrie (Triumph, Coventry) bt S Morrison (Zetland, Falkirk), rsc 1st rnd. Middle: E Noi (Moss Side) bt S Kerr (St Francis Dundee) rsc 3rd rnd. Light-heavy: A Todd (Darlington) bt F Boyland (Port Glasgow), rsc 1st rnd. Heavy: P Lawson (Newco-Repton, London) bt M Nell (Clydebank Osprey), rsc 3rd rnd. Super-heavy: G Evans (Leith Victoria) bt C Brown (Wolverhampton), pts.

YACHTING

BOC SINGLE-HANDED ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Leading positions (at 11:30 GMT yesterday with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Class 1: Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 1,570; 2, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 1,659; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 1,937; 4, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 2,489; 5, Duracell (M Plant, US), 2,559; 6, Grinaker (B Reed, SA), 2,576; 7, Jarkan (K Birkes, Aus), 2,583; 8, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 2,804; 9, BBV Expo '92 (J Uriarte, Sp), 2,884; 10, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 2,898. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 2,751; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 2,830; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 2,887; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 2,997; 5, Sebago (H Roth, US), 3,768. Corinthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 3,203; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 3,817; 3, Shutendohji (M Saito (Japan), 3,576.

GOLF

WEST HILL, Surrey: Fathers and sons foursomes: First round: D and W Laing (Dyke) bt G and J Abercrombie (Hayling), 7 and 6; T and A Greenleaf (Burhill) bt D P and D G Choyce (Rochford Hundred), 3 and 1; I Hine (St Enodoc) and R Hine (Bristol and Clifton) bt A and J Cronk (Walton Heath), 1 hole; R and A Glover (Burhill) bt J and P Tedder (West Hill), at 19th; B and M Sharp (Bramley) bt G and J Eaton (Dyke), at 19th; R and I Attoe (Worplesdon) bt I Findley (The Addington) and G Findley (Royal Blackheath), 1 hole; N and P Chesworth (West Hill) bt J and W Taylor (West Hill), at 19th; M and D Silver (Hartsbourne) bt D and A Knill-Jones (Banstead Downs), 3 and 2; P Cornish (West Hill) and M Cornish (Berkshire) bt D Dixon (Nevill) and J Dixon (Royal St George's), 3 and 2; B and P James (John O'Gaunt) bt D and J Cox (Sunningdale), 2 and 1; R and J Rutherford (Northumberland) bt E and V Bailes (Stoke Poges), 2 and 1; H and M Pryor (West Hill) bt J Baldwin (Tandridge) and A Baldwin (Mannings Heath), 2 and 1; D and T Naider (Huntercombe) bt J and N Grant (Royal Wimbledon), 1 hole; E Bond (Parkstone) and D Bond (Wentworth) bt B and A Prince (West Hill), 1 hole; P and S Smith (Surbiton) bt C Beamish (Woodhall Spa) and M Beamish (Denham), 3 and 2; P Story (Mullion) and D Story (Liphook) bt R Elliott (Littlehampton) and M Elliott (Bramley), 2 and 1; P Bathhurst (Hankley Common) and R Bathhurst (Roehampton) bt P Osborne (Ludwick) and S Osborne (Royal West Norfolk), 2 and 1; R and C Coombes (Walton Heath) bt W and M Uzielli (The Berkshire), 5 and 4; H Evans (Dulwich) and R Evans (Sydenham Hill) bt J and A Hutton (Croham Hurst), 3 and 2; W and S Warren (Pinner Hill) bt P and G Boult (Chislehurst), at 19th; P and S Tedrake (Worplesdon) bt C Taylor (Luffenham Heath) and A Taylor (Burghley Park), 2 and 1; J and M Connelly (Worthing) bt J Murphy (Skelmorlie) and P Murphy (Bristol and Clifton), 1 hole; G and A Teedevin (Pinner Hill) bt F R and F N Kipping (Hammonds End), 1 hole; K and M Maclean (Tandridge) bt J K and J K Tullis (Sunningdale), 1 hole; J and P Nash (Betchworth Park) bt G and C Thompson (Wentworth), 2 holes; M and G Shoesmith (West Hill) bt D W and D N W Pryor (Woking), 7 and 6; D and A Greenhalgh (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt A and R Oakes (Hunstanton), 2 and 1; D I and D J Stirk (Royal North Devon) bt B and M Joseph (Glamorganshire), 3 and 2; J and A Chesser (Walton Heath) bt F and P Dyson (Royal Porthcawl), 2 and 1; D and M Burridge (Ealing) bt J Wilkinson (Cotswold Hills) and C Wilkinson (Walton Heath), 1 hole; C Freeston (Woburn) and P Freeston (Leicestershire) bt J and G Gow (Formby), 1 hole; O and R Logan (Hankley Common) bt P and N Cox (Walton Heath), 2 and 1; D J and D R Baxter (Holme Hall) bt R and D Hill (Worplesdon), 1 hole; T and J Brown (Stoneham) bt D and C Holland (Sunningdale), 5 and 4; M Lawson (Stoneham) and P Lawson (Hockley) bt B and G Taylor (Thorpe Hall), 2 and 1.

GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Coventry Hearsall: English final: 240: Epping Forest College; 242: Cranleigh; Sunningdale 245: St Mary's Blackburn. Individual: 72: J Gamshaw (St Mary's, Blackburn).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-off, first round: Patrick division: Pittsburgh Penguins 4, New Jersey Devils 0 (Penguins win best-of-seven series 4-3 and meet Washington Capitals in division finals).

TENNIS

NICE: Men's tournament: First round: M Jaite (Arg) bt G Forget (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; A Gómez (Ec) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-0, 7-6; K Novacek (Cz) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr), 6-2, 6-3; J Arrese (Sp) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; H De la Pena (Arg) bt A Rahunen (Fin), 6-3, 6-2; H Leconte (Fr) bt F Davin (Arg), 6-4, 6-0; J Arias (US) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 7-6, 7-6.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 5, Montreal Expos 4; Houston Astros 3, Atlanta Braves 1; New York Mets 8, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia Phillies 4; San Diego Padres 3, Cincinnati Reds 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, San Francisco Giants 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 1, Boston Red Sox 0; Chicago White Sox 8, New York Yankees 5; Baltimore Orioles 7, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Detroit Tigers 3; Oakland A's 5, California Angels 2; Seattle Mariners 8, Minnesota Twins 4.

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SPORT

Souness assumes the Anfield reins

By Ian Ross

LIVERPOOL's search for a successor to Kenny Dalglish ended yesterday with the appointment of Graeme Souness as manager.

Souness, aged 37, will this morning assume control of the club where he spent six highly-successful years as a player, following his abrupt departure from Rangers yesterday.

He is expected to take charge of first-team affairs for the League game against Norwich City at Anfield on Saturday. He takes over the reins from Ronnie Moran, who has acted as caretaker manager since Dalglish's retirement from professional football in February.

Moran is to revert to his previous role of senior coach after informing his board of directors that he had no wish to pursue a career in management.

Although it is clear that Souness agreed to join Liverpool several weeks ago, his appointment was not supposed to be made public until the end of the season. However, the mounting speculation about Souness's future at Ibrox prompted David Murray, the Rangers chairman, to issue a statement yesterday confirming that the former Scottish international midfield player would be leaving the club "with immediate effect".

Souness, who succeeded Jock Wallace as the manager of Rangers in 1986, admitted that he was saddened and disappointed to be leaving Rangers. "This is an enormous decision and one which was not taken lightly," he said. "This is a very sad day for me.

"There are two reasons why I have decided to go to Liverpool. The first, and biggest one, is that I have three young children who are at an age when I should be spending more time with them.

"On the footballing side, I feel that I have gone as far as I am allowed to go in trying to achieve success at this club. I feel that now is the best time for me to go."

Moran had no hesitation in predicting a bright future for Souness, even though he rejoins Liverpool at a time when the club is entering a transitional phase.

"I think that he is the ideal man for the job," Moran said. "I know his attitude to the game and I think he will be just as successful as Kenny Dalglish.

"I had no problems with him when he was here as a player. He is a born leader and always wants to win. The biggest thing about Graeme Souness is that when he arrives he will be winning trophies. He will be more ruthless than Kenny Dalglish."

Phil Thompson, the Liverpool reserve team coach, said he was pleased to have Souness returning to the club. He said: "He is part of the family here at Anfield and he is one of the lads. He has excellent leadership qualities and I am very happy to see the job go to him."

Bruce Grobbelaar, the Liverpool goalkeeper and a former playing colleague of Souness, said: "He is a winner and he is what we need. Everybody here will do the best for the club and for him."

Liverpool's appointment of Souness as their eighth post-war manager was not so much the culmination of a dogged pursuit as a prolonged game of patience. In the hours which followed Dalglish's retirement, the club's directors felt no great need for deliberation or caution, simply because Souness was the unanimous choice within the boardroom.

Dalglish's decision to escape from the immense pressure of maintaining Liverpool's position as Britain's most successful club came as an enormous surprise to the Liverpool board. But the emergence of Souness as a highly-successful manager with a sound business sense almost seemed to solve a problem before it had been diagnosed.

Although protocol made it impossible for Liverpool to make an official approach, their interest was made known. Souness considered the offer before seemingly ending the inevitable speculation by announcing that he was to remain at Ibrox to honour the five-year contract which he had signed in May 1989.

Liverpool's response was to keep the vacancy open and hope for a change of heart. In the 12 days between Souness's declaration of loyalty to Rangers and the appointment of Moran, it was thought that Liverpool had offered the job to John Toshack, but it is clear that while the credentials of the former manager of Real Madrid were discussed at a high level, he was never invited to succeed Dalglish.

Indeed, it is more likely that at a time when Peter Robinson, the Liverpool chief executive, was reported to be holding negotiations with Toshack, he was, in fact, attempting to persuade Souness to return to Anfield.

It is believed that Souness contacted Liverpool more than a month ago to express his willingness to return to the club for which he played with such distinction between 1978 and 1984. After meeting Robinson and Noel White, the Liverpool chairman, an extended, and finally lucrative, contract was swiftly agreed.

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Parting company: Souness, left, and Murray announce the Rangers manager's departure for Liverpool

GRAEME SOUNESS

Born: May 6, 1953, Edinburgh.

Career details: 1970: Signed apprentice forms for Tottenham Hotspur. 1972: Joined Middlesbrough in the second division for £27,500, making his League debut in January, 1973. 1978: Signed for Liverpool for £352,000, then a record cash transfer fee between English clubs. 1984: Joined Sampdoria, the Italian League club, for £650,000. 1986: Became player-manager of Rangers after a £300,000 move, making his final appearance as a player last season.

International recognition: 54 appearances for Scotland, including the World Cup finals in Argentina, Spain and Mexico. Debut in October 1974 against East Germany in Glasgow. Capped at school and under-23 level.

With Middlesbrough: 176 League appearances, 22 League goals. Honours: 1973-4: Second division champions. 1975-6: Anglo-Scottish Cup winners.

With Liverpool: 247 appearances, 38 goals. Honours: 1977-8: European Cup winners. 1978-9: League champions. 1979-80: League champions. 1980-1: European Cup winners, League Cup winners. 1981-2: League champions, League Cup winners. 1982-3: League champions, League Cup winners. 1983-4: European Cup winners, League champions, League Cup winners.

With Sampdoria: 56 appearances, 8 goals.

With Rangers: 50 appearances, 3 goals. Honours: 1986-7: Scottish League champions, Scottish League Cup winners. 1987-8: League Cup winners. 1988-9: League champions, League Cup winners. 1989-90: League champions.

League record: 529 appearances, 71 goals.

Chairman feels 'let down'

By Roddy Forsyth

GRAEME Souness took his leave as manager of Rangers at a highly-charged press conference at Ibrox yesterday, almost exactly five years after he arrived from the Italian club, Sampdoria.

His period in charge brought enormous changes to Rangers — and to the rest of Scottish football — and it made him a wealthy man. Souness, who was also a director of Rangers, must relinquish the shares which he bought for £600,000 less than three years ago, and offer them first to David Murray, the chairman. They are now estimated to be worth £3 million.

Rangers named Walter Smith, Souness's assistant, as caretaker manager and promised the announcement of a permanent appointment next week.

There was no acrimony evident between Souness and Murray yesterday, although the angry voices of supporters who had gathered outside Ibrox three storeys below were clearly audible in the conference room. And there is no doubt that the chairman feels deeply aggrieved by Liverpool's approach to Souness.

Murray, who had formed a close friendship with Souness in the 30 months of their partnership, said: "I would be a liar if I said that I did not feel let down and perhaps badly let down.

"Graeme has said that he feels he has gone as far as he could with Rangers, and although I sympathise with him in some of the reasons he has given for doing this, I cannot imagine why he wants to leave Rangers Football Club. As far as I am concerned, perhaps in football terms Liverpool are a big club but overall I don't think they come anywhere near Rangers.

"In the midst of all this, I would like to remind people that if it was not for Graeme Souness, I would not be here. I am deeply disappointed in football terms but I hope that we will still remain friends and on a personal level we wish him all the best and thank him for his efforts."

Smith: Ibrox caretaker

Murray said he intended to seek "substantial compensation" from Liverpool and made it clear that it had been his decision that Souness should leave immediately. This clearly ran counter to the manager's wishes. Souness said: "I wanted to stay until the end of the season but I must accept the decision of the board. Whether I look it or not, I am emotional about this and I feel I cannot answer questions at the moment."

The reasons that Souness offered for wanting to leave — more time with his family (his three children live with his estranged wife, Danielle, near London) and a feeling that he had gone as far as he could with Rangers — conflict with many of his earlier comments. He once said: that Rangers were "bigger than Arsenal or Manchester United, bigger even than Everton, bigger than Liverpool".

When his marriage foundered two years ago, he said: "Everybody has to make sacrifices at some stage in their life. I have had to make a very important one in mine but that is the measure of my commitment to this club."

Another suggestion, that he might have tired of his frequent collisions with the Scottish Football Association, was dismissed by Murray.

Souness spent nearly £16 million in buying 37 players and creating teams which won the Scottish League championship three times (they are well-placed to win it again this season) and the Skol Cup four times, although not the Scottish Cup.

Murray confirmed that Phil Boersma, Rangers' trainer and a former playing colleague of Souness at Anfield, would be leaving as well.

Richard Gough, the captain of the team, said that the players had been "surprised and disappointed" by the news of Souness's departure.

Smith , who will act as caretaker manager, has asked to be considered for the vacant post, and the coaching abilities which he has displayed at Ibrox and previously at Dundee United have impressed the board. So, too, has his reserved demeanour and Murray said yesterday that he would prefer a manager with a less contentious style than Souness.

However, he also refused to rule out an approach to another manager and the names of Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, who played for Rangers, George Graham, of Arsenal, and Kenny Dalglish are sure to be mentioned.

Civility and manners prevail

From David Miller in Atlantic City

GEORGE Foreman was nothing if not realistic at the final press conference before Friday night's undisputed world heavyweight title bout. "I'll be putting that championship belt round my . . . bicep," the 42-year-old former champion said. He was acknowledging that the belt might not quite make it round his waist.

When the two fighters sized up each other on stage at Donald Trump's allegedly tottering plaza, the old man looked almost twice as wide as the young champion. If Evander Holyfield is going to run rings round Foreman, then he is going to have to run some way.

As is usual with such presentations, we were poised somewhere between Disneyland and a presidential election address. Foreman, who on the surface is taking the climax of his comeback in casual good humour, likened himself to Halley's Comet or an eclipse of the sun, "something that's once in a lifetime," he said. Yes, he agreed, the things they were saying about him are true: fat, old and overweight.

But he talked just long enough, in a new kashmir jacket that looked large enough to have been erected as a small tent, to reconfirm that he was not here for the cash, but the title.

The hype for the contest has been distinguished by the manners, the civility and sincerity that the two men have given to the promotion of their battle. This will be the richest bout — grossing $100 million — in history, and a hardened group of media were less than close to tears when Bob Arum, the promoter, announced that a record 18 million homes were taking pay-per-view television and that cable lines were still selling with three days to go.

Even the financially beleagured Mr Trump was there in an attempt to give the proceedings, not to mention himself, added dignity. "Don't believe what you read," he said to the scribes, "even though you're the ones that write it."

The claims put forward for the status of this contest by Arum and Dan Duva, fellow promoter, were so far-fetched that it was difficult to swallow iced water, never mind the elaborate buffet that was on hand. Yet through the glitz came that element of truth that makes this bout something different.

Holyfield was 10 when, in 1973, he saw Joe Frazier laid flat by Foreman, and it was then that he set his heart on filling those shoes one day.

Foreman's new age, page 40

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Pinch felt at sharp end

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

COMMENT

THE British Amateur Athletic Board will no doubt enjoy the reflected glory of any success achieved by its national teams in the World Marathon Cup for men and women, to be staged in conjunction with the ADT London Marathon on Sunday. However, its runners would like you to know that, while they will be wearing a British board label, the factory has closed down and they are a cottage industry at work.

No British marathon runner has recorded under 2hr 10min, an everyday time in world terms, since Tony Milovsorov in London two years ago. If the British board cares, it has not shown its feelings.

Britain has a good men's team for Sunday, one which may even challenge the eminent Italians. Allister Hutton, Carl Thackery, Steve Brace, Dave Long, Hugh Jones and Milovsorov make a formidable squad. But any British success at distance running is, according to Milovsorov, "despite our national system rather than because of it".

Hutton, last year's London Marathon winner, said: "We have been left on our own." On the day of his triumph, the cry for help was loud as the sharp end saw a procession of overseas athletes. Only now does the message seem to be getting through. "What is needed is an investigation into the whole issue of marathon running," Tony Ward, the British board spokesman, said yesterday.

Money is a large part of the answer and there is enough coming into British athletics to finance the factory. A national squad given warm-weather training opportunities, improved medical support and a salary to cover loss of earnings during a commitment to representing their country at international championships is the place to start. Ward believes that more prize-money in British road racing is important, too.

When Jones and Long found they could not train in Britain because of the snow in February they paid out of their own pockets to go to Portugal. "We did it off our own backs because we both had the target of the London Marathon, bearing in mind it was the World Cup as well," Long said.

"At the training camp, there were Czechs, French and Portuguese subsidised by their federations. I have never had any financial help from the British board."

Veronique Marot, the British record-holder, said: "The problem in Britain is the lack of financial support. Gelindo Bordin [the Olympic champion from Italy] gets something like $40,000 a year just to run for his country and Laura Fogli [the Italian record-holder] gets a basic salary of, I think, $25,000. A lot of our runners exhaust themselves just trying to make ends meet. They [the board] do not have a policy for marathon running."

Sally Eastall, Britain's first woman in London last year, will be back on Sunday as a member of the World Cup team. Brian Scobie, the marathon coach, said: "We tried endlessly to get the board to give a positive response to Sally's performance in London. Look where she lives, in the middle of nowhere [Bury St Edmunds]. She trains alone and it is very hard to try for motivation when you are on your own. Runners like Sally need that support."

Brace, too, says he has had no help. In fact, he has been helping the board. "They keep my subvention money and take the interest," he said. "However much goes in, you get out, whether it is a year or ten years later." Brace was third in New York last year and has won Paris twice. "I got where I am on my own," he added.

When Chris Brasher conceived the London Marathon he set six objectives. Only one, that British marathon running should regain its "outstanding position of the 1960s or early 1970s", has not been achieved. But then Brasher does not have a position on the British board.

Hutton warms up, page 38

Cold comfort blows in for Hick and the hardy few

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S (MCC won the toss): Middlesex have scored 266 for four wickets against MCC

ST JOHN'S Wood was in chaos yesterday morning, all roads around Lord's blocked by heavy traffic. Briefly, it seemed that the popular appeal of Graeme Hick, newly English in cricket's rulebook, playing for MCC against the champion county, had exceeded all expectations.

Then, all became clear. The cars were heading to the nearby mosque to celebrate the end of Ramadan. Lord's itself was echoingly empty in an Arctic northerly wind, and those hardy enough to brave the ritual of the opening ceremony saw Hick, shivering beneath as many sweaters as he could find, spend a contemplative day at slip.

It was a joyless start to the season in weather so cold that the priority of the players was to avoid pulling frozen muscles. Mike Gatting thought so, anyway, the Middlesex captain withdrawing from the game to protect a hamstring niggle and watching from the warmth of the pavilion as his team, put in to bat, reached 266 for four before bad light stopped play 25 minutes early.

Gatting's precaution was indicative of a fixture which has produced only one positive result in ten years and is now thought competitive only by those with a case to put to the watching England selectors. There are, however, plenty within this category in an MCC side which, Hick apart, has been drawn exclusively from the England A tour party.

With a seam attack comprising Pick, Watkin and Munton, it was a surprise that the day's most successful bowler was Graham Thorpe, of Surrey, whose only first-class wicket last season was taken against Oxford University, but who had embarrassed the champions 24 hours earlier, taking six of their wickets as they were dismissed for 81 in a practice match at the Oval. He took the wickets of Roseberry and Hutchinson, though not before they had put on the comforting matter of 151 for the second wicket.

This was particularly encouraging for the Shropshire-born Hutchinson who, having included a double-century among some weighty scores in 1989, did not play a single match last year. He would not have played here, either, but for Gatting's absence.

Jason Pooley, the tall left-hander preferred to Hutchinson as Roseberry's opening partner, managed 17 before his off stump was plucked out in Munton's first over. Throughout the day Munton was the most demanding of the seamers, and Pick the most wayward, on an unproductive pitch.

Roseberry is never elegant but invariably effective, and although indulging in strokes of which he would not be proud in mid-summer, he put the bad ball away unerringly. He was two short of his hundred when leg-before, playing across Thorpe.

The memory of the day will be two fours in an over by Ramprakash, caressed through cover off front and then back foot. He fell to Illingworth soon after and trailed back to the dressing-room where a forlorn Angus Fraser had just been told he must spend a day in hospital, later this week, for manipulative treatment on his chronic hip condition.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry lbw b Thorpe	98
J C Pooley b Munton	17
I J F Hutchinson c Morris b Thorpe	70
M R Ramprakash c Rhodes b Illingworth	28
K R Brown not out	27
†P R Downton not out	13
Extras (b 1, lb 10, nb 2)	13
Total (4 wkts)	266

*J E Emburey, N F Williams, D W Headley, P C R Tufnell and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-189, 3-202, 4-248.

MCC: *H Morris, D J Bicknell, G A Hick, N H Fairbrother, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, T A Munton, R A Pick, S L Watkin.

Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead

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